

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2022

Act 855

Senate Resolution 596, Part VII

Effective May 9, 2022

OFFICER CAROL LEIGH LEDFORD MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Officer Carol Leigh Ledford and dedicating an intersection in her memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and law enforcement officers with the passing of Officer Carol Leigh Ledford; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ledford's life was tragically cut short on April 19, 1999, when she was hit head-on by a drunk driver; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ledford was highly regarded by the citizens of her community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the youngest graduate in her class at Northeast Georgia Police Academy and the first female police officer in White County, Officer Ledford was the embodiment of courage, compassion, and strength; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ledford was passionate about ensuring Georgia's children were upstanding citizens, speaking with students about the importance of following the law and about the role a police officer plays in the community, as well as hosting numerous camps that taught about the negative consequences of drug and alcohol use; and

WHEREAS, she was promoted to public relations officer and earned the nickname "Cleveland's Young Gun" for her dedication to serving as a role model to children; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection at SR-75 Connector/Appalachian Parkway and NOK Drive in White County, is dedicated as the Officer Carol Leigh Ledford Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Officer Carol Leigh Ledford Memorial Intersection and remove any signs in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this Resolution available for distribution to the family of Officer Carol Leigh Ledford and to the Department of Transportation.

This Resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Resolution are repealed.