

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

Act 807

House Resolution 820, Part VIII

Effective May 2, 2022

OFFICER JOSEPH W. BURSON MEMORIAL INTERCHANGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and memory of Officer Joseph W. Burson and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of City of Holly Springs Police Officer Joseph W. Burson on June 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Officer Burson was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 21, 1996, and was united in love and marriage to his wife, MaryKate Burson; and

WHEREAS, he was the beloved son of John and Frances Burson and brother to John Thomas Burson; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Kell High School, Officer Burson began his career in law enforcement on November 18, 2019, as a cadet with the Holly Springs Police Department; and

WHEREAS, he was sworn in as police officer with the Holly Springs Police Department on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, the quick thinking and good judgment of Officer Burson was instrumental in bringing multiple offenders to justice and keeping harm from others; and

WHEREAS, Officer Burson's life was tragically cut short when he was killed during a routine traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, Officer Burson was highly regarded by the citizens of his 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, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the interchange of I-575 and Exit 11(Sixes Road) in Cherokee County, is dedicated as the Officer Joseph W. Burson Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Officer Joseph W. Burson Memorial Interchange and remove any signs in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the family of Officer Joseph W. Burson and to the Department of Transportation.