

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

Act 807

House Resolution 820, Part VI

Effective May 2, 2022

SPC ETIENNE J. MURPHY MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of SPC Etienne J. Murphy and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, SPC Etienne J. Murphy served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and was a member of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment as an anti-tank gunner; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of South Gwinnett High School where he excelled in the JROTC program, SPC Murphy demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he was serving in Syria when his life was tragically cut short during a vehicle rollover while conducting combat operations; and

WHEREAS, SPC Murphy was awarded the Parachutist Badge, United States Army Expert Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Badge-Carbine, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with campaign star, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, SPC Murphy embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection at SR-78 and Oak Drive in Gwinnett County, is dedicated as the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial Intersection 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 SPC Etienne J. Murphy and to the Department of Transportation.