

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

Act 855

Senate Resolution 596, Part XX

Effective May 9, 2022

**SHERIFF JAY VERNON CHASTAIN, SR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the life of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. on December 8, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. was born on February 22, 1927, a beloved son of William Joseph Chastain and Nola Jane Shook Chastain; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain 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 served with honor and distinction as Towns County Sheriff, and his life was tragically taken in the line of duty while he heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities of his vocation; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; 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 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 US-76 and SR-288, south of the Hiwassee River, in Towns County, is dedicated as the Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. 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 appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the family of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr. 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.