

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2024

Act 702

House Resolution 854, Part I & Part XXI

Effective May 6, 2024

KEITH JACKSON MEMORIAL INTERSECTION “WHOA NELLIE” — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Jackson was born on October 28, 1928, in Carrollton, Georgia, the beloved son of Polly Jackson and grandson of Jeff and Margaret Robison; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Roopville High School, where he played on the school's state championship basketball team, Mr. Jackson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Washington and studied broadcasting, where he accompanied the university's rowing crew to Moscow to conduct the first live sports broadcast from the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson brought games alive for viewers and listeners of college and professional football, college and professional basketball, major league baseball, auto racing, and the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with an Emmy award and he has been inducted into two sportscasting hall of fames; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Jackson became known as the voice of football with several of his unique phrases still used in sports broadcasting today, including "Whoa Nellie" and the "Big House" to refer to Michigan Stadium Ann Arbor and "the granddaddy of them all" to refer to the Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection at US -27 and SR-5 in Carroll County, is dedicated as the Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in 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 Department of Transportation and to the family of Mr. Keith Jackson.