

**A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 2000**

LEONARD B. RIDLEY, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Leonard Burton Ridley, Sr. was born on August 19, 1919 in Whitfield County Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he was the only child of Alvon and William "Bud" Ridley who made their home in the Gladden Springs community of Murray County where he spent most of his life; and

WHEREAS, he was called upon to serve his country during World War II and he answered that call with dignity and honor as a member of the United States invasion and occupational forces in Japan, where he was an M.P. in Tokyo and Yokohama; and

WHEREAS, he was a hard worker and he and his father farmed, ran a sawmill, raised poultry and cattle, and bought and sold property together; and

WHEREAS, he developed land into residential subdivisions where many Murray County families eventually made their homes; and

WHEREAS, he served his community and demonstrated his compassion for others by giving young families a start that they may not have had otherwise; and

WHEREAS, he was on the board of deacons at the Free Hope Baptist Church in Murray County and he and his wife were instrumental in establishing the Royal Ambassadors and training union, as well as fostering other improvements such as the buying of land and the building of a pastorium; and

WHEREAS, his interests included NASCAR racing and politics and he counted among his friends past governors, state legislators and congressmen; and

WHEREAS, he looked forward to time spent with family and friends and he was a source of counsel and inspiration to them; and

WHEREAS, he was devoted to his wife, Ima Lee, their five children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that State Route 52 in Murray County from the Conasauga River going east to State Route 225 be named the "Leonard B. Ridley, Sr. Memorial Highway."

IT IS RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that the family of Leonard Ridley, Sr. be provided a suitable copy of this resolution, and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this facility.

**Adopted this 16th day of March 2000.**