

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

Act 807

House Resolution 820, Part XIV & 14<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of Part XXIX

Effective May 2, 2022

**BOBBY LEE COOK MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the life of Mr. Bobby Lee Cook and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Bobby Lee Cook on February 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by members of the legal community across the country as a person of unquestioned integrity with an unparalleled commitment to defending the rights of the accused; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was born in Chattoogaville, Georgia, on February 12, 1927, where he was raised in a small rural home without running water and learned the value of personal discipline and duty through his work at his family's local grocery store; and

WHEREAS, he enrolled in Gordon Academy, a military school, as a teenager and lied about his age in order to enlist in the United States Navy to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty during World War II, where he also honed his fighting skills as a boxer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook began his legal career with his own practice in 1949 in Summerville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, his personal discipline, sharp legal acumen, expansive knowledgebase, fighting spirit, and devotion to helping others were evident in his representation of clients and throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Mr. Cook was hired for, or consulted on, nearly every high profile case in Georgia and his practice went on to transcend Georgia, with victories in murder trials in Germany and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook will long be remembered for his tireless advocacy for people of all economic strata, his commitment to the legal profession through his mentorship of other attorneys and imparting knowledge at seminars, and his razor-sharp wit; and

WHEREAS, widely known as the Dean of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Mr. Cook's work was recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout his prestigious career, including lifetime achievement awards by both the National and Georgia Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Georgia State University College of Law School's 2017 Ben F. Johnson, Jr. Public Service Award; GreenLaw's Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Small Town Lawyer Made Good Award from the State Bar of Washington; was inducted into the American Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame; and has his portrait displayed in the Georgia Supreme Court; 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 SR-48 and SR-157 in Chattooga County, is dedicated as the Bobby Lee Cook Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Bobby Lee Cook Memorial Intersection and remove any signs in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution 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 an appropriate copy of this Resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr. Bobby Lee Cook and to the Department of Transportation.