

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2025

Act 366

Senate Resolution 7, Part XXV & 25th Paragraph of Part XXVIII

Effective May 14, 2025

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT COLONEL RALPH PUCKETT, JR. ROUNDABOUT — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout was sponsored by Representative Debbie Buckner as HR 1358 in the 2024 Session; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., was born on December 8, 1926, in Tifton, Georgia, and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and received his commission as an infantry officer in 1949; and

WHEREAS, he was assigned to occupation duty in Okinawa, Japan, where he volunteered for the Eighth Army Ranger Company, which was formed shortly after the Korean Conflict began in 1950; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and leadership when, while leading the company as commander, the company was overrun after six counterattacks and, despite being severely injured, Colonel Puckett insisted on continuing to serve active duty; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Colonel Puckett became the national program coordinator of Outward Bound, Inc., and subsequently established Discovery, Inc., a leadership and teamwork development program that focused on "Personal Growth through Safe Adventure"; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Puckett was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame, served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006, served as an ambassador of goodwill by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and was a recipient of the U.S. Army Infantry's Doughboy Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the roundabout at State Route 219 and Bradley Park Drive in Muscogee County, is dedicated as the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout.

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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.