

House Resolution 522

By: Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Wiedower of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Silcox of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley was born on September 4, 1932, in Mobile,
4 Alabama, a beloved son of William and Ellen Dooley; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, following his distinguished service, he worked briefly as an assistant coach at
8 Auburn University before being named head coach of the University of Georgia football
9 team, where he would establish a decades-long record that would serve as a standard for
10 excellence in college athletics, including in his service as athletic director; and

11 WHEREAS, among his professional accomplishments and accolades are his membership in
12 the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Sports
13 Hall of Fame; his record as the winningest coach in UGA history with 201 victories, six SEC
14 titles, and the 1980 National Championship; and his status as a recipient of the 2016 Wooden
15 Citizenship Cup; and

16 WHEREAS, while Mr. Dooley's professional accomplishments and accolades are extensive,
17 the same can be said about his humanitarian nature, his love for gardening and flowers, and
18 his reputation as a world renowned horticulturist; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and Lumpkin Street in
23 Clarke County is dedicated as the Vince Dooley Memorial Intersection.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Vince Dooley Memorial
26 Intersection.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley and to the Department of Transportation.