

House Resolution 628

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150th and Epps of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., graduated from Waynesboro High School and earned a
4 bachelor's degree from Emory University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity;
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6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Emory University School of Medicine, completed his
7 postgraduate medical training at the University of Alabama, and was board certified in
8 internal medicine and geriatrics; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
10 United States Army in Vietnam, and his commitment and service were recognized with
11 numerous accolades, including a Purple Heart, Combat Medical Badge, Army
12 Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service
13 Medal, and Air Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Johnson was a member of First United
15 Methodist Church, where he served as chair and a member of the administrative board and
16 was active in the Chancel Choir and Progressive Sunday School Class; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson was a lifelong Republican, serving as a page at the 1957
18 Republican Convention in San Francisco, the chair of the Laurens County Republican Party
19 from 2007-2009, and a delegate to the 2008 Republican Convention; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from medicine in 2003, Dr. Johnson became passionate about the
21 field of forestry, attended classes at the Warnell School of Forest Resources in Athens, was
22 designated as a Certified Tree Farmer, and received the Forest Steward Award; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Johnson will long be remembered for
24 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend
25 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
27 American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of the U.S. 441 Bypass and Claxton Dairy
30 Road in Laurens County is dedicated as the Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Major, U.S. Army
31 Memorial Intersection.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Major,
34 U.S. Army Memorial Intersection.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.