

Senate Resolution 633

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st and Dolezal of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., and Mary Frances Rogers Waller and dedicating
2 an intersection in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., was born in Cobb County to the late Gordon Lee Waller
4 and Frances Ocille Smith Waller on March 12, 1938, and was called home to be with the
5 Lord on September 13, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Rogers Waller, who went by Frances, was born in Cohutta to the
7 late Lloyd Rogers and Ethel Oliver Rogers on July 5, 1940, and was called home to be with
8 the Lord on March 27, 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances met and fell in love at Berry College in Rome, Georgia,
10 married on August 26, 1961, and built their lives together and raised a family encompassing
11 six children, 14 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, from 1966 and thereafter, Jerry and Frances raised their family in the same
13 home on Lakewood Drive until their passings and played important roles in their community
14 and in their church, the Gospel Light Baptist Tabernacle; and

15 WHEREAS, Jerry began his career as a school teacher along with Frances before moving
16 back to Cobb County to join the manufacturing industry, culminating in almost 25 years
17 working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta supporting the production of C-130s; and

18 WHEREAS, Frances's passion was for education and children which was demonstrated by
19 her calling to be an elementary school teacher with over 20 years of service at four schools:
20 Coosa Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lockheed Elementary, and Marietta Christian
21 School; and

22 WHEREAS, Frances never stopped being an educator, with a great sense of dry humor, to
23 the young and the old until the day she left this world; and

24 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances made youth baseball and sports a family endeavor, making
25 Adams Park in Kennesaw a second home with five children cycling through the park for over
26 two decades; and

27 WHEREAS, Jerry inspired leadership traits in his children through taking on various roles
28 including coach, umpire, and president of the Kennesaw Baseball Association; and

29 WHEREAS, Jerry, a deacon, and Frances, a Sunday school teacher, were anchored by their
30 faith and called to serve family, friends, and strangers by opening up their home and offering
31 their resources to those in need for over 45 years; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
33 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 41 at Pine Mountain Ct/Watts
36 Drive in Cobb County, Georgia, is dedicated as the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr. and Frances
37 R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
39 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr.
40 and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Waller family
43 and to the Department of Transportation.