

Senate Resolution 86

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Hufstetler of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Probate Judge Jon Payne and dedicating an intersection in
2 his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Probate Judge Jon Payne on August 18,
5 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Payne was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
7 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to
8 justice; and

9 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a probate judge in Chattooga County
10 for 45 years, winning a special election to fill the office of probate judge in 1975 at just
11 25 years old; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to his passing, he oversaw the county's primary election with a smooth
13 transition to the state's new voting machines; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Payne exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
15 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

16 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his commitment to the integrity of democracy
17 and the safeguarding of this state's elections; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at US 27 and Commerce Street in
22 Chattooga County is dedicated as the Probate Judge Jon Payne Memorial Intersection.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Probate Judge Jon Payne
25 Memorial Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
28 Probate Judge Jon Payne.