

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE VINCE DOOLEY MEMORIAL INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley was born in Mobile, Alabama, in September 1932; and

WHEREAS, he served as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps and assistant football coach at Auburn University before making his way to his beloved Athens in 1964 to serve as head coach of the University of Georgia football team; and

WHEREAS, he had a remarkable career as head coach and athletic director at the University of Georgia for forty years, with notable accomplishments that include membership in the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, receipt of the 2016 Wooden Citizenship Cup, and the record as the winningest coach in UGA history with 201 victories, six SEC titles, and the 1980 National Championship; and

WHEREAS, his contribution to the Athens community and the State of Georgia went far beyond the University of Georgia and college athletics; and

WHEREAS, he was a humanitarian, a student of history, and was inducted as a Georgia Trustee by the Georgia Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, he was a renowned horticulturalist and gardener, was generous with his knowledge and time to fellow gardeners, and made Athens more beautiful with his contributions to its outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, he is an important part of the history and culture of Athens-Clarke County; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives, in recognition of his contributions, unanimously passed a resolution, sponsored by all elected House members representing Athens-Clarke County, resolving that the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and Lumpkin Street in Athens-Clarke County be dedicated the “Vince Dooley Memorial Intersection;” and

WHEREAS, in adopting this House Resolution, the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County further expresses its appreciation for the life and contributions of Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia:

Section 1: That the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and Lumpkin Street be dedicated the “Vince Dooley Memorial Intersection.”

Section 2: That the Athens-Clarke County Department of Transportation and Public Works be authorized to install appropriate signage at the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and Lumpkin Street identifying the intersection as such; and

Section 3: That the Manager or his lawful designees are hereby authorized to perform all acts necessary to implement this resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this day the 6 of February 2024

APPROVED: Kelly Girtz
Kelly Girtz, Mayor

ATTEST: Jean Spratlin
Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission