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Troup County endorses renaming of US29/SR14 West Point Rd. at Pegasus Parkway in honor of fallen soldier

Troup County, Ga. February 5, 2019 – The Troup County Board of Commissioners are pleased



Sgt Corey Spates' loved ones presented with special resolution declaring rename of US29/SR 14 West Point Rd in honor of the fallen soldier.

to endorse the request of the Georgia Department of Transportation to rename the intersection of US29/SR14 West Point Rd. at Pegasus Parkway in honor of U.S. Army Sergeant Corey Emmett Spates, a fallen soldier from Troup County, Georgia.

Spates, a citizen of Troup County and a soldier in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, gave his life in service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A Troup High School alumni and lifelong resident of LaGrange, he was twenty one years old when he gave his life. A true hero,

during his first deployment, he enlisted help from his family to donate school supplies to Iraqi children in need. He and his newly-wedded wife, Celeste, resided in Temple, Texas until he departed on his final deployment to Iraq, where he was killed on Sunday, February 10, 2008.

State Representative Randy Nix and the Georgia Department of Transportation requested a resolution of support from Troup County for the renaming of the intersection in his memory. At this morning's Board of Commissioners' regular meeting, Chairman Patrick Crews presented Spates' loved ones with the special resolution that declares the official endorsement from Troup County to rename the intersection in his great honor and memory. During the presentation, his family, including his wife, Celeste Spates; mother, Joy Thomas; father, Steve Spates; and two grandmothers, Sandra Simpson and Jolly Spates, gave many thanks for the recognition of Spates' honorable service.

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