

Senate Resolution 639

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, SGT Michael "Mike" Stokely was a member of Troop E 108th Cavalry Unit
3 in the 48th Brigade Combat Team serving in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike joined the National Guard as a junior in high school in Loganville,
5 Georgia, and signed on for a six-year term; and

6 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier confronted the dangers, privations, and discomforts of
7 striving to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as a nation
8 truly proud; and

9 WHEREAS, SGT Stokely was on foot patrol on August 16, 2005, around the area of
10 Yusufiyah, Iraq, and was killed by injuries suffered when an explosive device detonated; and

11 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed
12 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for
13 this nation and other peoples of the world.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 54 from the Fayette County line to its intersection with SR
16 16 be dedicated as the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway, and the Department of
17 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers
18 dedicating the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of SGT Mike Stokely and to
21 the Department of Transportation.