

House Resolution 1108

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Reece of the 11th, and Cummings of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the SPC Justin W. Johnson Memorial Interchange; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, SPC Justin W. Johnson was a member of the United States Army's 1st Cavalry
3 Division, 1st and 82nd Field Artillery serving in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Justin was born on June 25, 1981, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and moved to Rome,
5 Georgia, when he was four years old; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended West Central Elementary and Glenwood Elementary schools and
7 graduated from Armuchee High in 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in January, 2002, in reaction to the attacks on
9 the United States on September 11, 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, SPC Justin W. Johnson arrived in Baghdad, Iraq, on March 30, 2004, and 12
11 days later on April 10, 2004, while serving as a gunner on an Humvee, was killed in action
12 when his patrol was hit by a roadside bomb; and

13 WHEREAS, Justin has been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense
14 Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary
15 Medal, and the Good Citizenship Award by the National Society of the Sons of the American
16 Revolution; and

17 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, who in the spirit of the American patriot, volunteered
18 to confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service and in the spirit of
19 humanity strived to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as
20 a nation truly proud; and

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

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that the intersection of SR 53 with SR 140 in Floyd County be dedicated as the
6 SPC Justin W. Johnson Memorial Interchange, and the Department of Transportation is
7 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the SPC Justin
8 W. Johnson Memorial Interchange.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of SPC Justin W.
11 Johnson and to the Department of Transportation.