

Senate Resolution 843

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr. graduated from George P. Butler High
4 School where he met Heather Nichole Johnson and fell in love with her when he was in the
5 10th grade and she was in the 9th, and later married her in November 2002, just a few
6 months prior to the invasion of Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr. joined the Army in 2002 and was
8 honorably serving his country on his second deployment to Iraq from his base at Fort Stewart
9 when he was fatally wounded, giving his life in defense of freedom and the liberation of the
10 citizens of Iraq while serving with an armored squadron of the 3rd Infantry Division in
11 Balad, approximately 40 miles north of Baghdad; and

12 WHEREAS, during his first tour in Iraq, as a private first class, he wrote a letter home that
13 was published in *The Augusta Chronicle*, thanking people in the community for the support
14 he received from the home front and specifically greeting his friends and family and
15 acknowledging how much the love and encouragement of his wife meant to him; and

16 WHEREAS, it was Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr.'s desire to become a Georgia
17 State Trooper, in hopes of setting an example for his son, Joseph Alan "L. J." Lucas, Jr., in
18 civilian life as he did while serving so valiantly in the Army; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Safety in recognition of his great sacrifice
20 and courage, have made Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr. an honorary Georgia State
21 Patrol Trooper; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, its citizens, and the members of this body have been
2 greatly moved and saddened at the passing of this courageous young man, and all Americans
3 mourn his loss and honor the sacrifice he made to defend the liberty of this great nation.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 join to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of Army Specialist Joseph Alan Lucas, Sr.,
6 and extend their most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Army Specialist Joseph
9 Alan Lucas, Sr.