

Senate Resolution 849

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Stoner of the 6th and Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

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2 Honoring the life and service of Kimberly Boyd and dedicating the Kimberly Boyd
3 Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2005, the State of Georgia lost one its finest and most
5 distinguished citizens with the untimely passing of Kimberly Boyd; and

6 WHEREAS, she was placed in a horrifying scenario beyond anyone's worst nightmare when
7 she was abducted at gunpoint by a despicable predator; and

8 WHEREAS, she displayed extraordinary calm and self-possession as she fought with her
9 captor, even after having been shot at close range, sufficient to cause the vehicle in which
10 she had been abducted to wreck; and

11 WHEREAS, although she did not survive the gunshot wound and crash injuries, her
12 incredible bravery in these unimaginable circumstances caused her captor to attempt to flee
13 on foot whereupon he was shot and killed by quick thinking good Samaritan, Shawn Roberts;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, she was a proud and shining example of enduring love and affection to her
16 beloved husband, Michael, and her two children, Connor and Chloe; and

17 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated provided the
18 foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed
19 and flourished; and

20 WHEREAS, this gentlewoman gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and
21 deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possessed the vast wisdom which only comes
22 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the
23 many challenges of life; and

1 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
2 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
3 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

4 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a bridge should be named to memorialize her
5 heroism.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 GEORGIA that the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the
8 untimely passing of Kimberly Boyd and commend her for her astonishing display of courage
9 and fortitude.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at U.S. Highway 41 and Lake Allatoona in
11 Cobb County is dedicated as the Kimberly Boyd Memorial Bridge.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
13 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Kimberly Boyd Memorial
14 Bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Kimberly Boyd and to the
17 Department of Transportation.