

## Senate Resolution 864

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Hudgens of the 47th

## 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, SGT Stokely was on foot patrol on August 16, 2005, around the area of  
7 Yusufiyah, Iraq, and was killed by injuries suffered when an explosive device detonated; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier confronted the dangers, privations, and discomforts of  
9 striving to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as a nation  
10 truly proud; 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 81 in Walton County from its intersection with US 78 to  
16 the Newton County line be dedicated as the SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway, and the  
17 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate  
18 markers 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.