

House Resolution 1397

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements of the 848th Engineer Company and Company C of the  
2 648th Engineer Battalion of the Georgia Army National Guard and dedicating the Hero  
3 Bridge in their honor; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was organized as the B-560 Engineering Battalion  
5 and later became the 848th Engineer Company attached to the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

6 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm in  
7 1990 as part of the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1993, the 848th Engineer Company was reorganized as Company C in the  
9 648th Engineer Battalion; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1994, the 648th Engineer Battalion was mobilized for duty in central and  
11 southern Georgia to help with the massive flooding following tropical storm Alberto; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1996-97, the 648th was mobilized to serve a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, currently the 648th is serving with the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in  
15 Iraq and the Persian Gulf area; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that these courageous soldiers, who in the spirit of the  
17 American patriot, have volunteered to confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of  
18 wartime and peacetime service and in the spirit of humanity have strived to establish and  
19 keep the peace in Iraq and Bosnia with fortitude and steadfast resolve, should have a bridge  
20 named in their honor; and

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

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
5 GEORGIA that the members of this body offer their sincere appreciation to the men and  
6 women of the 848th Engineer Company and Company C of the 648th Engineer Battalion and  
7 dedicate the bridge on the SR 206 Connector that spans the CSX railroad, in Coffee County,  
8 as the Hero Bridge and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place  
9 and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the Hero Bridge. The markers shall contain the  
10 words "Hero Bridge" at the top and at the bottom shall contain the words "848th Engineer  
11 Company and C/648th Engineer Battalion Georgia Army National Guard."

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commanding officer of  
14 the 648th Engineer Battalion of the Georgia Army National Guard and to the Department  
15 of Transportation.