

Senate Resolution 1034

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs and dedicating the SGT Mathew Vincent
2 Gibbs Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, SGT Gibbs was a member of 648th Engineer Battalion of the 48th Infantry
4 Brigade of the Georgia National Guard; and

5 WHEREAS, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq, he was killed on August 3, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant posthumously; and

7 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Reagan C. Gibbs, and two daughters, Ariana and
8 Arissa; and

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the members of this body offer their sincere condolences to the family and
18 friends of SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs and dedicate the 17 Mile River Bridge at mile marker
19 7 on SR 206, in Coffee County, as the SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge and the
20 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate
21 markers dedicating the SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to family of SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs
- 3 and to the Department of Transportation.