

House Resolution 526

By: Representatives Knight of the 126th and Lunsford of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the Lt. Carl Kelly Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Carl Kelly began his military career by joining the Jackson National Guard,
3 then called the Jackson Rifles, while he was still in his teens; and

4 WHEREAS, when WWII started, the Jackson National Guard was called upon to train for
5 the war in Europe and Carl Kelly was promoted to 1st Sergeant before he left for Ireland to
6 wait for the invasion at Normandy; and

7 WHEREAS, in St-Lo, France, he was wounded in action and awarded the first of his two
8 bronze stars for gallantry and a Purple Heart; and

9 WHEREAS, when the Korean Conflict began, Sgt. Kelly was immediately sent to Korea
10 where he was awarded a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant after distinguishing
11 himself as a leader of men; and

12 WHEREAS, after recuperating from a wound, he returned to battle and soon after was
13 involved in a battle to save an artillery unit that had been ambushed; Lt. Kelly organized the
14 artillerymen into fighting groups and with complete disregard for his safety, led attack after
15 attack on the enemy forces; and

16 WHEREAS, his conspicuous actions served to center the enemy fire on himself, and finally
17 he was struck by enemy fire and fell mortally wounded; and

18 WHEREAS, before he died he told a friend to tell his wife and children that he loved them
19 very much and would see them in Heaven someday; and

20 WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly was in the military service for 11 years and received three Purple
21 Hearts, three Bronze Stars, and a Silver Star, as well as many other service medals.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 16 East from the railroad tracks to the Jackson city limits,
3 in Butts County, be dedicated as the Lt. Carl Kelly Memorial Highway, and that the
4 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate
5 markers dedicating the Lt. Carl Kelly Memorial Highway.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Lt. Carl Kelly
8 and to the Department of Transportation.