

House Resolution 1586

By: Representative Burns of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Sergeant Lucas Joseph Hynes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lucas Joseph Hynes is attached to the 1st Battalion, 118th Field
6 Artillery Regiment of the National Guard, located in Savannah, Georgia; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this extraordinary young man has diligently and conscientiously served his
8 country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army, where he was
9 injured in the line of duty in 2005; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hynes completed his basic training Fort Knox, his advanced training
11 at Fort Gordon, and in 2001 he began studies at Georgia Southern University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a few weeks short of completing the first semester of his freshman year came
13 that fateful September day in 2001; and
- 14 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, he was pulled from college and sent to Fort McPherson
15 in Atlanta to train for the U. S. mission in Afghanistan and was eventually deployed to
16 Bagram Airbase in the capital city of Kabul, where he served for ten months; and
- 17 WHEREAS, at the end of ten months of service he returned to his studies at Georgia
18 Southern University until he was called back to service for another ten-month stint, this time
19 in Iraq, where he would be injured and subsequently receive the Purple Heart; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in September, 2007, Sergeant Hynes was recognized during the U. S. Army
21 All-American Bowl for his heroic duties while serving his country; and

1 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal with a V device for
2 valor for his actions while serving in Afghanistan and a Purple Heart for being injured in the
3 line of duty while serving in Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hynes will graduate from Georgia Southern University in May, 2008,
5 with a degree in criminal justice; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Hynes is slated to return to Afghanistan in 2009, and feels he is bound
7 to serve his fellow Americans and his country, and if it takes going back to help the effort,
8 then he is ready and proud to do it; and

9 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
10 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
11 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized
12 appropriately.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 the members of this body recognize and commend Sergeant Lucas Joseph Hynes for his
15 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and
16 extend to him their most profound and sincere appreciation for him and for all members of
17 the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar
18 of freedom.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant Lucas Joseph
21 Hynes.