

## House Resolution 1450

By: Representatives Davis of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Glanton of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the service of SFC John Curtis Beale and dedicating a road in his honor; and for
- 2 other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, SFC John Curtis Beale was assigned to the First Battalion, 108th
- 4 Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron, 48th Infantry Brigade
- 5 Combat Team of the Georgia Army National Guard from Calhoun, Georgia; and
  
- 6 WHEREAS, he was killed in Kapisa, Afghanistan, of wounds from an improvised explosive
- 7 device and small arms fire; and
  
- 8 WHEREAS, he was born in Riverdale, Georgia, and graduated from Riverdale High School
- 9 before joining the United States Army, where he served from 1989 through 1994, including
- 10 the Desert Shield-Desert Storm campaign in Iraq; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, he was married to his beautiful bride and high school sweetheart, Crystal, on
- 12 July 16, 1990; and
  
- 13 WHEREAS, SFC Beale joined the Army National Guard in 2004, spurred on by the events
- 14 of 9/11; and
  
- 15 WHEREAS, during this time, he also was working toward a history degree at Clayton State
- 16 University and had completed two years of his four-year program; and
  
- 17 WHEREAS, he was also a full-time employee at Clayton County Water Authority and
- 18 participated in activities on Career Day with many students because he loved working with
- 19 young people; and
  
- 20 WHEREAS, SFC Beale was a member of Eagles Landing First Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Crystal, and their wonderful children, Christopher  
22 and Calye; his father, William B. Beale, a retired Navy sailor; and his brothers, Michael and  
23 Timothy; and

24 WHEREAS, he had a deep love for his country and the men he served with, and he wanted  
25 to make a difference in this world; he was a humble man, but he was always outspoken on  
26 the defense of our country in order to give a future to the children of this great nation;

27 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to SFC Beale's life of service  
28 to his country be established; and

29 WHEREAS, such a memorial not only honors SFC John Beale, but also pays tribute to the  
30 citizens of Fayette, Clayton, and Henry counties. Specifically, this dedication memorializes  
31 the way the citizens of these counties paid their respect to SFC Beale's return home. The  
32 American spirit became fully manifested in the citizens who lined the streets and sidewalks  
33 to offer their support for the Beale family. Their actions on that day were a testament to this  
34 great country, and further illustrated the respect that is deserved to every serviceman or  
35 woman.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
37 GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of SFC John Curtis  
38 Beale and dedicates the portion of Jonesboro Road from McDonough Parkway to the Norfolk  
39 Southern railroad tracks in Henry County as the SFC John Beale Hero's Highway.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
41 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the SFC John Beale Hero's  
42 Highway. The sign shall read:

43 SFC John Beale  
44 2/11/1970 – 6/4/2009  
45 Hero's Highway

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
47 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of SFC Beale and  
48 the Department of Transportation.