

House Resolution 1686

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Battles of the 15th, and Graves of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the service of Lance Corporal Seth Sharp and dedicating an intersection in his
2 honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, LCPL Sharp's patriotic spirit was evidenced at a young age when, following the
4 terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, at the age of 17, he joined the United States Marine
5 Corps to, as he stated in his own words, fight for and defend those who couldn't defend
6 themselves; and

7 WHEREAS, after serving his first tour of duty in Iraq, LCPL Seth Sharp was deployed to
8 Afghanistan with Company E of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines; and

9 WHEREAS, as Seth and his Platoon were suppressing the enemy with rifle and machine gun
10 fire, in a push to take the Helmand Valley back from the Taliban; and, while performing his
11 duties in a most heroic and dedicated manner, he was killed in action on July 2, 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, for his selfless dedication he was awarded the Purple Heart, the War on
13 Terrorism medal, the National Defense Medal, the Iraq Campaign medal, and the
14 Afghanistan Campaign medal, among many other subsequent awards; and

15 WHEREAS, this courageous marine, in the spirit of the American patriot, volunteered to
16 confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service, and in the spirit of
17 humanity strived to keep the peace in Iraq and Afghanistan with fortitude and steadfast
18 resolve, making us as a nation truly proud; and

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

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to LCPL Seth Sharp's life
23 of service to his country be established.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 GEORGIA that the members of this body hereby join in honoring the life and memory of
26 LCPL Seth Sharp, and hereby dedicate the intersection of US 41 and SR 140 in Bartow
27 County as the LCPL Seth Sharp Memorial Intersection.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the LCPL Seth Sharp Memorial
30 Intersection.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of LCPL Seth
33 Sharp and the Department of Transportation.