

House Resolution 1686 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

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

25 WHEREAS, First SGT John David Blair was the First Sergeant with Company A of the
26 Georgia National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Battalion 121st Infantry unit; and

27 WHEREAS, First SGT John David Blair was killed in action at Mado Zayi, Afghanistan,
28 when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle; and

29 WHEREAS, he received many medals and commendations during his military career,
30 including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

31 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, in the spirit of the American patriot, volunteered to
32 confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service and in the spirit of
33 humanity strived to keep the peace in Afghanistan with fortitude and steadfast resolve,
34 making us as a nation truly proud; and

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

38 **PART III**

39 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Kristopher Cody Warren was a native of Resaca, Georgia, and was
40 assigned to the 14th Marine Regiment; and

41 WHEREAS, he was killed in Iraq on November 10, 2006, in a noncombat incident; and

42 WHEREAS, he was a 2005 graduate of Gordon Central High School, where he was active
43 in the marching band and chorale; and

44 WHEREAS, he had a deep love for his country and the men he served with and wanted to
45 make a difference in this world; and

46 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Lance Cpl. Warren's life
47 of service to his country be established.

48 **PART IV**

49 WHEREAS, SGT Jeffery Jordan was a member of the Georgia National Guard's 1st
50 Battalion, 108th Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron, 48th
51 Infantry Brigade Combat Team serving in Afghanistan; and

52 WHEREAS, SGT Jeffery Jordan was killed in action on June 4, 2009; and

53 WHEREAS, SGT Jordan was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, in the spirit of the American patriot, volunteered to
56 confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service and in the spirit of
57 humanity strived to keep the peace in Afghanistan with fortitude and steadfast resolve,
58 making us as a nation truly proud; and

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

62 **PART V**

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

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body hereby join in honoring the
68 life and memory of First SGT John David Blair and dedicate the intersection of US 41 and
69 SR 53 in Gordon County as the First SGT John David Blair Memorial Intersection.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory
71 of Lance Cpl. Kristopher Cody Warren and dedicates the portion of SR 136 beginning at its
72 intersection with US 41 and ending at its intersection with SR 225 as the Cody Warren
73 Memorial Highway.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body hereby join in honoring the
75 life and memory of SGT Jeffery Jordan and dedicate the intersection of SR 140 and US 27
76 in Floyd County as the SGT Jeffery Jordan Memorial Intersection.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
78 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
79 resolution.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
81 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
82 Transportation, the family of LCPL Seth Sharp, the family of First SGT John David Blair,
83 the family of Lance Cpl. Warren, and the family of SGT Jeffery Jordan.