

House Resolution 336

By: Representatives Everson of the 106th, Cox of the 102nd, Collins of the 95th, Casas of the 103rd, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and sacrifice of Corporal Jonathan Ryan Ayers and dedicating an
2 interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Corporal Jonathan Ryan Ayers of Snellville, Georgia, died serving his country
4 on Sunday, July 13, 2008; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Shiloh High School where he served with distinction in
6 the ROTC program and won the award for "most impressive commander" in 2002; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he joined the Army in April 2006 and went straight from basic and advanced
8 individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia, to the 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment
9 (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Vicenza, Italy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Jonathan served in the Army for two years, during which time he deployed to
11 Afghanistan, where he earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a Good Conduct Medal for
12 his bravery in combat; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he died of wounds sustained when his outpost was attacked by small-arms fire
14 and rocket propelled grenades from enemy forces in Wanat, Afghanistan; and
- 15 WHEREAS, CPL Ayers and his fellow soldiers were completing work on a new base in a
16 remote, mountainous region bordering Pakistan; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving parents, Bill and Suzanne Ayers, his brother,
18 Joshua, and his grandmother, Pattie Weatherly; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting to honor this fallen hero who now stands in the
20 unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and
21 increase in its blessings.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the interchange at US 78 and Killian Hill
24 Road, in Gwinnett County, as the CPL Jonathan Ryan Ayers Memorial Interchange.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the CPL Jonathan Ryan Ayers
27 Memorial Interchange.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of CPL Ayers and
30 to the Department of Transportation.