

House Resolution 1352

By: Representatives Black of the 174th, Carter of the 175th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam
2 McSween and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam
5 McSween; and

6 WHEREAS, Adam McSween was born on August 11, 1980, in Montgomery, Alabama, the
7 beloved son of Robert and Florence McSween; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia Christian High School in Valdosta, Georgia, and York
9 College in Nebraska, Adam enlisted in the United States Navy in 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, he completed extensive training in explosive ordnance disposal and earned
11 qualifications as a Naval Parachutist, Scuba Diving Supervisor, and Senior Explosive
12 Ordnance Disposal Technician; and

13 WHEREAS, he was valiantly serving as a guardian of freedom and liberty in his second tour
14 to Iraq when he was killed on April 6, 2007, near Kirkuk in northern Iraq when a rocket hit
15 his vehicle; and

16 WHEREAS, during his service to this nation, he was awarded an Army Commendation
17 Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary
18 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Expert
19 Marksmanship Rifle Medal, Expert Marksmanship Pistol Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals,
20 and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

21 WHEREAS, Adam leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his parents,
22 his wife Erin, his daughters Lilly and Gwyneth, his brothers Kyle and Robert, and his sister
23 Angela; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to EOD Technician First
25 Class Joseph Adam McSween's life of service to his country be established.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of
28 Explosive Ordinance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween and dedicates
29 the intersection of State Route 7/North Valdosta Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway in
30 Lowndes County as the EOD Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween Memorial
31 Intersection.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the EOD Technician First Class
34 Joseph Adam McSween Memorial Intersection.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Joseph Adam
37 McSween and to the Department of Transportation.