

House Resolution 1529

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Smith of the 70th, Collins of the 27th, Coomer of the 14th, Yates of the 73rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Georgia Guard soldiers and airmen and others who have fallen
2 during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with December 15, 2011, marking the end of the Iraq War, we have reached a
4 point of reflection in the long conflict against terrorism; and

5 WHEREAS, though the war on terrorism continues, we are pausing to reflect on the sacrifice
6 of those Georgia Guard soldiers and airmen and others who have lost their lives during
7 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

8 WHEREAS, those known to have died during these operations include: SFC Victor
9 Anderson, SFC John Beale, 1SG John Blair, SPC Daniel Boles, SPC Christopher Boone,
10 SPC Jacques Brunson, SGT Brock Chavers, SGT Jerry DeLoach, SPC Joshua Dinger, SGT
11 Philip Dodson, SSG George Draughn, SFC Amos Edwards, SSG Bobby Franklin, SSG Alex
12 French IV, SSG Carl Fuller, SGT Marcus Futrell, SGT Jerry Ganey, SPC Mathew Gibbs,
13 SSG Charles Gillican, SGT Jonathon Haggin, SFC Robert Hollar, SGT David Holmes, MAJ
14 Kevin Jenrette, SPC Isaac Johnson, SSG David Jones, SGT Jeffrey Jordan, SGT James
15 Kinlow, SGT Edward Koehler, SSG John McGee, SSG Chad Mercer, SSG Dennis Merck,
16 SGT Raymundo Morales, SGT Foster Pinkston, SFC Edgar Roberts, Jr., SGT Anthony
17 Saylor, SGT Ronnie Shelley, SPC Channing Singletary, SGT Michael Stokely, SGT Thomas
18 Strickland, MSG Thomas Thigpen, SGT John Thomas, SSG Philip Travis, SFC Charles
19 Warren, MSG Davy Weaver, and SFC Christopher Willoughby; and

20 WHEREAS, the great loss suffered by family members whose loved ones gave the ultimate
21 sacrifice for this nation is unforgettable; and

22 WHEREAS, these soldiers and airmen embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
23 meaning in something greater than themselves by serving as guardians of this nation's
24 freedom, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and

25 sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished fallen soldiers and airmen of Georgia be
26 honored appropriately.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body honor the fallen soldiers and airmen of Georgia for their unselfish
29 and dedicated public service to the citizens of this nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom and
30 Operation Enduring Freedom and extend to the families of these soldiers and airmen their
31 most profound appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones upon the altar
32 of freedom.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of each fallen
35 soldier or airman named herein.