

Senate Resolution 1072

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Marine Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards and dedicating an
2 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 Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards; and

5 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
6 liberty with the United States Marines Corps; and

7 WHEREAS, he was born on January 31, 1990, in Trenton, Georgia, and graduated from
8 Dade County High School, where he was known as a talented musician; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards was stationed in the Helmand province of Afghanistan
10 when he was killed while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Williams was awarded a Rifle Expert Medal, an Afghanistan
12 Campaign Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War Service Medal, a War
13 on Terrorism Medal, and a Purple Heart; and

14 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife Emily
15 and his beautiful daughter Kayden Leigh; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Lance Corporal Richards'
17 life of service to his country be established.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of
20 Marine Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards and dedicates the portion of Highway 11

21 in Dade County from the Alabama state line to the Tennessee state line as the Lance Corporal
22 William Taylor Richards Memorial Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lance Corporal William
25 Taylor Richards Memorial Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Lance Corporal William
28 Taylor Richards and to the Department of Transportation.