

House Resolution 54

By: Representative Yates of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Corporal Bobby Byars; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, at the young age of 17, Corporal Bobby Byars joined the local National Guard
3 unit in Griffin, Georgia, in 1949, and became a proud member of Company M. 3rd Battalion,
4 32st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division a year later at the onset of the Korean War; and

5 WHEREAS, on December 12, 1950, Corporal Byars was reported Missing in Action while
6 fighting the enemy in North Korea, and three years later was presumed dead, much to the
7 heartbreak of his family; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Byars was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge,
9 the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service
10 Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, between 1990 and 1994, the North Korean government released 208 boxes of
13 remains from U.S. soldiers who were killed during the battles of the war, and among the
14 remains of the fallen heroes were those of Coporal Byars; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal Byars will finally be given a proper burial on February 16, 2012, two
16 days after his remains will arrive in Atlanta from Honolulu to be escorted to their final
17 resting place by an honor guard from Fort Benning, the Griffin Police Department, and the
18 Spalding County Sheriff's Office; and

19 WHEREAS, unaccounted for service members from Southeast Asia, Korea, World War II,
20 and World War I total nearly 88,000; and

21 WHEREAS, Corporal Bobby Byars made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and leaves
22 a legacy of patriotism and bravery that will not be forgotten.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body offer their sincerest condolences to the family of Corporal Bobby
25 Byars, express their sorrow at his untimely death, and convey their deepest gratitude for the
26 sacrifice he made on behalf of his country.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Corporal
29 Bobby Byars.