

House Resolution 503

By: Representative Kirby of the 114<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Major W. David Gray and dedicating a road in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Major W. David Gray was raised in Walton County, Georgia, and was a 1992  
7 graduate of Loganville High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Gray served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
9 United States Air Force and was a member of the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron; and

10 WHEREAS, he was stationed in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when  
11 he was killed by a suicide bomb in the Kunar province; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Gray demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy  
13 and gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

14 WHEREAS, it is important that fallen soldiers are thanked for their selfless service to this  
15 nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of  
16 the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Major Gray embodied the spirit of service and found meaning in something  
18 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifice of this  
19 remarkable and distinguished American be honored appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 20 in Walton County from

22 its intersection with Highway 78 in Loganville to the Rockdale County line is dedicated as  
23 the Major W. David Gray Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Major W. David Gray  
26 Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Major W. David  
29 Gray and to the Department of Transportation.