

Senate Resolution 383

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Sergeant John A. Franklin and dedicating an intersection in his memory;
2 and for 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, Sergeant John A. Franklin was born on January 25, 1942, and served as a
7 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army with C. Company
8 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Rossville, Georgia, Sergeant Franklin gave the ultimate sacrifice on
10 April 26, 1986, when he was killed in action in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam; and

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

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

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Dietz Road in
21 Catoosa County is dedicated as the Sergeant John A. Franklin Memorial Intersection.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sergeant John A. Franklin
24 Memorial Intersection.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Sergeant John A. Franklin
27 and the Department of Transportation.