

House Resolution 36

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Staff Sergeant Shaun J. Whitehead and dedicating a bridge
2 in his honor; 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, the State of Georgia and this nation continue to mourn the loss of one of its
7 finest citizens with the untimely passing of Staff Sergeant Shaun J. Whitehead on April 24,
8 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Commerce, Georgia, Staff Sergeant Whitehead attended Commerce
10 High School and joined the United States Armed Forces in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a member of the
12 A Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Whitehead was struck and killed by a bomb while patrolling on
14 foot in Iskandariyah, Iraq; and

15 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this American hero has left an unfillable void in the
16 hearts and lives of his parents, wife, children, family, and friends; and

17 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Whitehead embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
18 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
19 remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge
20 in his memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 82 at Interstate 85 in Jackson
23 County is dedicated as the Staff Sergeant Shaun J. Whitehead Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Staff Sergeant Shaun J.
26 Whitehead Memorial Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Staff Sergeant Shaun J. Whitehead and to the Department of Transportation.