

House Resolution 786

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Yates of the 73rd, Mabra of the 63rd, Epps of the 144th, Harden of the 148th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Private John P. Dion and dedicating a bridge 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, Private John P. Dion played a vital role in leadership and demonstrated a deep
7 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Private Dion was born in Shattuck, Oklahoma, and enlisted in the United States
9 Armed Forces after graduating from high school; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with 4th Brigade
11 Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division; and

12 WHEREAS, Private Dion made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Americans when his unit
13 was attacked by insurgents while serving in Ashoq, Afghanistan; and

14 WHEREAS, Private Dion embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
15 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
16 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his
17 memory.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the double bridge on East and West bound State Route 96
20 over Beechwood Swamp in Taylor County is dedicated as the Private John P. Dion Memorial
21 Bridge.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Private John P. Dion
24 Memorial Bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 family of Private John P. Dion and to the Department of Transportation.