

House Resolution 990

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th, Corbett of the 174th, Atwood of the 179th, Belton of the 112th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in
2 his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio was born on October 8, 1988, in
4 Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from Camden County High School in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Porfirio served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
6 with the United States Air Force and was halfway through his first six-month deployment in
7 Afghanistan when he was shot three times in the back while his unit was installing
8 communication lines; and

9 WHEREAS, the bullets shattered his stomach and he underwent several surgeries before the
10 doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center determined that removal of his pancreas was
11 necessary; and

12 WHEREAS, in a groundbreaking procedure, Senior Airman Porfirio's doctors removed his
13 bullet-ridden pancreas and flew the organ to the University of Miami where doctors
14 harvested islet cells which were then flown back to Walter Reed and transferred into his
15 liver; and

16 WHEREAS, this procedure, considered by many to be a medical miracle, allowed his liver
17 to produce insulin needed to prevent Senior Airman Porfirio from developing a severe case
18 of diabetes; and

19 WHEREAS, exactly one year to the day after sustaining his life-threatening injuries in
20 Afghanistan, Senior Airman Porfirio passed away in Missouri while visiting friends; and

21 WHEREAS, he left behind many who cherish his life and memory, including his son,
22 Landon; father, Karl; and brothers, Damian, Paul, Adam, and T.J.; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
24 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his
25 memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Interstate 95 and Laurel Island Parkway
28 in Camden County is dedicated as the Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio Memorial
29 Intersection.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Senior Airman Tre Francesco
32 Porfirio Memorial Intersection.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and to the Department of Transportation.