

Senate Resolution 866

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Hill of the 32nd, Jackson of the 24th, Williams of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Special Agent Staff Sergeant Chester J. McBride III; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Special Agent Staff Sergeant Chester J. McBride III on December 21,
5 2015, killed in action by a suicide bomber near Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McBride nobly saved the life of the linguist assigned to his patrol
7 by shielding him from the bomb blast with his body; and

8 WHEREAS, he was born on March 25, 1985, in Statesboro, Georgia, a beloved son of
9 Chester R. and Annie L. McBride; and

10 WHEREAS, highly intelligent and academically motivated, he graduated from Statesboro
11 High School in 2003, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, Cum
12 Laude, from Savannah State University in 2007, a Certificate of Graduation in Criminal
13 Investigator Program CITP-218 in 2012, an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice
14 from Community College of the Air Force in 2013, and a Masters of Public Administration
15 from Valdosta State University in 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, his community involvement included speaking to students at Statesboro High
17 School about values, respecting authority, doing the right thing, and making good choices;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant McBride was recognized for his dedication and service to his
20 country by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and posthumously awarded the
21 Bronze Star Medal of Valor, the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Force Combat Action Medal,
22 and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

23 WHEREAS, Special Agent Staff Sergeant Chester J. McBride III laid the ultimate sacrifice
24 on the altar of freedom for his heroism, an act of patriotism that will never be forgotten.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Special Agent Staff Sergeant Chester J. McBride III
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
30 Special Agent Staff Sergeant Chester J. McBride III.