

## House Resolution 477

By: Representatives Belton of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, and Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes on her outstanding service to her  
2 country and being awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes was born and raised in Covington, Georgia,  
4 graduated from Newton County Comprehensive High School in 2000, attended Clemson  
5 University in South Carolina where she played basketball and earned her degree in Sport  
6 Management in 2004, and played professional basketball in Greece and Switzerland before  
7 entering the armed forces; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stokes volunteered for a nine-month Afghanistan deployment tour,  
9 where she was injured by a suicide bomber attack on Veteran's Day 2016, and due to her  
10 bravery and injuries she sustained, Sergeant Stokes was awarded the Purple Heart Medal of  
11 Honor from President Barack Obama as well as his presidential coin on November 26, 2016;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, she currently serves as a Human Resource Specialist for the United States  
14 Army; and

15 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the patriotic men and women who put  
16 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
17 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

18 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the United  
19 States armed forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings  
20 of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize this distinguished citizen.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body honor and commend Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes for her  
24 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the United States and to the  
25 State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes for health, happiness, and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes.