

House Resolution 504

By: Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Michael Harte Campbell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Michael Harte Campbell was born in Savannah, Georgia, on February 11, 2002,
3 and as a child, he lived in Richmond Hill where alongside his big brother, Tristan, his little
4 sister, Mary Kathryn, and their beloved chocolate lab, Penny, he played in the marshes, mud,
5 and woods of Strathy Hall; and

6 WHEREAS, at age eight, Michael and his family served on a domestic mission trip at
7 JAARS in North Carolina, an event that made a lasting imprint on his life, which was evident
8 in the way he cared for others by spreading God's love and helping people through their pain;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in the sixth grade, Michael moved with his family to East Cobb where he
11 attended both Dickerson and Hightower Trail middle schools, making great friends who still
12 honor him today. During middle school, he sang in the chorus, ran track for the Walton
13 Youth Track Club, and played basketball and flag football; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael was a great athlete, following in his brother's footsteps as an oarsman
15 on the rowing crew for the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association in Roswell. He rowed hard
16 and strong for four years, earning medals and muscles; and

17 WHEREAS, from the eighth grade through 11th grade, Michael served as a small group
18 leader on Sunday mornings at Northpoint Community Church in Alpharetta, where he taught
19 children about the unconditional love Jesus has for them; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2020, the year of COVID, Michael graduated from Pope High School in
21 Marietta and then entered the workforce, working his way up to the position of warehouse
22 manager just before his untimely departure; and

23 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Michael was always eager to offer a helping hand and
24 always gave big hugs and gifts, wrote loving cards, said "yes ma'am" and "no sir," and was
25 a sweet gentleman with a contagious smile. Many that knew him called him an "angel on
26 Earth"; and

27 WHEREAS, before passing away on January 25, 2021, at the age of 18, Michael made a
28 huge impact on many lives during his short time here on Earth and will be dearly missed by
29 his family and great friends across the State of Georgia, like Alec Shermer and Sam
30 Womack; and

31 WHEREAS, the suicide rate for young adults is alarming and the need for help is growing;
32 therefore, three of Michael's friends, Neta Pariente, Phebe Caleb, and James Cuffee, started
33 the Michael C. Harte Foundation to raise awareness for mental illness and fight suicide; and

34 WHEREAS, Michael's parents, Matt and Chrissy Campbell, ask all Georgians to consider
35 supporting the efforts of the Michael C. Harte Foundation and to continue to encourage
36 people to seek help by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK
37 (8255).

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Michael Harte Campbell
40 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 family of Michael Harte Campbell.