

House Resolution 628

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Hutchinson of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, and Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of SPC Etienne J. Murphy and dedicating an intersection in his memory;  
2 and for 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, SPC Etienne J. Murphy served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty  
7 with the United States Army and was a member of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment as an  
8 anti-tank gunner; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of South Gwinnett High School where he excelled in the JROTC  
10 program, SPC Murphy demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy  
11 and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being  
12 of his fellow man; and

13 WHEREAS, he was serving in Syria when his life was tragically cut short during a vehicle  
14 rollover while conducting combat operations; and

15 WHEREAS, SPC Murphy was awarded the Parachutist Badge, United States Army Expert  
16 Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Badge-Carbine, Army Achievement Medal with three oak  
17 leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on  
18 Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Operation Inherent Resolve  
19 Campaign Medal with campaign star, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army  
20 Commendation Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, SPC Murphy embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
22 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable  
23 and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
24 memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 78 and Oak Drive in  
27 Gwinnett County is dedicated as the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial Intersection.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the SPC Etienne J. Murphy  
30 Memorial Intersection.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 family of SPC Etienne J. Murphy and to the Department of Transportation.