

House Resolution 1609

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110<sup>th</sup> and Lupton of the 83<sup>rd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., and dedicating a bridge  
2 in his memory; 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, Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., served as a guardian of this  
7 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and honorably served this nation  
8 for two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a combat engineer; and

9 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Welch diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
10 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
11 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation, where  
12 he served as an engineer for nearly 30 years; and

13 WHEREAS, he worked on numerous road projects across this state, including improvements  
14 along North Druid Hills that significantly enhanced access to hospitals on the east side of  
15 Interstate 85; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
17 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 42 over State Route 403 (I-85)  
20 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Lt. Col. Albert "Butch" S. Welch Jr. Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lt. Col. Albert "Butch" S.  
23 Welch Jr. Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 family of Lieutenant Colonel Albert "Butch" S. Welch, Jr., and to the Department of  
27 Transportation.