

House Resolution 1415

By: Representative Prince of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon was born on August 30, 1960, and grew up in
4 Lincoln, Maine, before joining the United States Army at the age of 18; and

5 WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon was serving as sniper team leader for the United States
6 Army Special Operations Command with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, when
7 his unit was subjected to intense enemy fire while attempting to rescue the crew of a downed
8 helicopter; and

9 WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon volunteered to be inserted to protect four critically
10 wounded personnel, despite the risk to his own safety; and

11 WHEREAS, he and a fellow sniper fought through intense small arms fire and a maze of
12 shanties and shacks to reach the critically injured crew members; and

13 WHEREAS, after depleting his ammunition and losing his fellow sniper to enemy fire,
14 Master Sgt. Gordon recovered weapons and ammunition from the crashed helicopter and

15 elected to give the last five rounds of recovered ammunition to the pilot of the crashed
16 helicopter; and

17 WHEREAS, Master Sgt. Gordon gave the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow man and his
18 selflessness embodied the spirit of service; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. 78/U.S. 278/State Route 10 from
23 Willhaven Drive eastward to Belfair Lakes Drive in Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated
24 as the Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon Memorial Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon
27 Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon and to the Department of Transportation.