

House Resolution 392

By: Representatives Singleton of the 71st, Kirby of the 114th, and Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely and dedicating a road in their
2 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, MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely served together as guardians of this
7 nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia Army National Guard, 108th Cavalry 48th
8 Brigade; and

9 WHEREAS, these Loganville, Georgia, residents were together on May 15, 2005, when their
10 unit saw heavy enemy action in Iraq's Triangle of Death; and

11 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2005, at the age of 23, SGT Stokely made the ultimate sacrifice
12 when he was killed in action near Yusufiyah south of Bagdad; and

13 WHEREAS, despite the tragic loss of his friend SGT Stokely and other members of his
14 platoon, MSG Allen rejoined an infantry unit and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 when
15 he sustained a serious head injury in a firefight with enemy forces; and

16 WHEREAS, after a ten-year battle with his injuries and numerous surgeries, MSG Allen
17 passed away on October 12, 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, MSG Allen and SGT Stokely demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
19 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
20 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

21 WHEREAS, their selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the
22 people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

23 WHEREAS, MSG Allen and SGT Stokely embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
24 meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
25 these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a
26 road in their memory.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 81 from US 78 to the Newton
29 County line is dedicated as the MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the MSG Mark Allen and SGT
32 Mike Stokely Memorial Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 families of MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely and to the Department of
36 Transportation.