

Senate Resolution 369

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and Martin of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Army Veteran Jarrett Blankenship on his heroic actions of
2 valor displayed during his military service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in December of 1963, Snellville resident Jarrett Blankenship joined the ranks
4 of the 1 percent of Americans who answered their nation's call and was stationed at Fort
5 Wainwright as a part of the United States Army Missile Battalion; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout his military career, this dedicated soldier exhibited extraordinary
7 devotion to duty and fine leadership, especially during an incident in a generator building
8 where electrical sparks were flying and a generator would not shut down; and

9 WHEREAS, he valiantly, unselfishly, and courageously entered the generator building on
10 his own accord and shut down the generator, thereby defusing the situation and saving the
11 lives of numerous military personnel; and

12 WHEREAS, as a result of his heroism, United States Senator Paul Coverdell recommended
13 Jarrett Blankenship for receipt of the Soldier's Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the United
15 States Armed Forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the
16 blessings of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
18 remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize and commend Army Veteran Jarrett Blankenship for the selfless dedication he
21 exhibited in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation as a hometown hero and
22 well-deserving of our gratitude, admiration, and respect.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Army Veteran
25 Jarrett Blankenship.