

House Resolution 1696

By: Representative Weldon of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith and dedicating an
2 intersection 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, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith demonstrated a deep personal
7 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety
8 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, he was injured in a terrorist attack on the Navy Operational Support Center in
10 Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and died from his injuries; and

11 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy
12 for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

13 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
14 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
15 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his
16 memory.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Lakeshore
19 Drive in Catoosa County is dedicated as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith
20 Memorial Intersection.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the U.S. Navy Petty Officer
23 Randall Smith Memorial Intersection.

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 U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith and to the Department of
27 Transportation.