

House Resolution 1228

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd, Bonner of the 73rd, Gladney of the 130th, and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory;
2 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, Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., was a guardian of this nation's freedom and
7 liberty with the United States Army, serving in the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his
9 unit came under attack during an advance along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir
10 in North Korea; and

11 WHEREAS, it was reported that Corporal Rewis was held as a prisoner of war and died in
12 an area called the Death Valley, which served as a collection point for United Nations
13 prisoners, but his remains were not returned home to his family and accounted for until
14 October 25, 2022; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding
16 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate
17 sacrifice will be remembered always; and

18 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
19 than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 52 over the Alapaha River in
23 Echols County is dedicated as the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Rewis Jr. Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the US Army Cpl. Dewey E.
26 Rewis Jr. Memorial Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.