

House Resolution 106

By: Representatives Chambers of the 53rd, Watson of the 60th, Post 2, Greene-Johnson of the 60th, Post 3, Stephenson of the 60th, Post 1, Mangham of the 62nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown and designating the Sheriff-elect
2 Derwin Brown Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2000, a hail of assassins' bullets cut short the life of Derwin
4 Brown, who had only weeks before been elected to the office of Sheriff of DeKalb County
5 and was to take office on January 1, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff-elect Brown was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky, the first child of George
7 and Burvena Brown, and he was raised in Long Island, New York; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his service with DeKalb County in 1977 as a youth group supervisor
9 within the juvenile justice system, and he soon moved into what would become an
10 outstanding 23 year career in law enforcement within the county; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff-elect Brown was a dedicated public servant who worked tirelessly for
12 youth and for the protection of the citizens of the community; and

13 WHEREAS, he knew that his courageous stand in determining to clean up corruption in the
14 sheriff's department would put him in personal danger, but he refused to flinch in the face
15 of threats; and

16 WHEREAS, thanks to the courage and sacrifice of this great man, DeKalb County is a better
17 place to live today.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown is honored as a truly great and courageous man
20 who gave his life for his community.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on Glenwood Road crossing over Interstate
2 Highway 285 in DeKalb County shall be designated the Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown
3 Memorial Bridge.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
5 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown
6 Memorial Bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sheriff-elect
9 Derwin Brown.