

House Resolution 1190

By: Representative Royal of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Pelham and designating the John Pelham Memorial Parkway; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Pelham, was born near Alexandria, Alabama, September 7, 1838; and he
4 was educated at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was known by
5 his fellow cadets as a gentleman in the highest sense of the term; and

6 WHEREAS, he proved to be a very gifted soldier with a genius for terrain, and even today
7 is still a model for the successful commander of Armor, that descendant of the old cavalry
8 which also combines speed and power, and due to his achievements in the field of battle he
9 was known as the most glorious of all artillerymen, "the gallant Pelham"; and

10 WHEREAS, John Pelham, who rose to the rank of Major was mortally wounded in battle on
11 March 17, 1863, at the Battle of Kelly's Ford, Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Medal of Honor as a result of his distinguished military
13 career; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Pelham, located in Mitchell County, Georgia, was named after him;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human
17 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
18 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized
19 appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend John Pelham for his efficient, effective,
22 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of State Highway 300 which passes through
2 the city limits of the City of Pelham be designated as the John Pelham Memorial Parkway.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
4 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the John Pelham Memorial
5 Parkway.