

House Resolution 110

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. James Vaughn Paschal; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of one of its finest citizens and
3 businessmen, Mr. James Vaughn Paschal, on November 28, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Paschal was born on October 8, 1920, in Thomson, Georgia, the beloved
5 son of the late Henry and Lizzie Paschal; and
- 6 WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of McDuffie County, Georgia, Mr. Paschal's
7 entrepreneurial spirit was ignited at the age of 13, when he constructed and opened a shoe
8 shine business with the goal to raise enough capital to finance a bigger business; and
- 9 WHEREAS, following a noble and courageous stint in the United States Army and working
10 for two years with the Pullman Company, Mr. Paschal partnered with his brother, Robert, to
11 make their life-long dream of opening a restaurant become reality; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Paschal and his brother opened Paschal's Restaurant as a 30 seat
13 luncheonette in 1947 and expanded to a larger location in 1959 in order to bring their
14 southern style home cooking to more hungry and loyal patrons; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1967, the Paschals opened the Paschal Motor Hotel, a 120 room lodging with
16 a swimming pool, a restaurant, and numerous meeting rooms, which served as meeting
17 places for key civil rights leaders and strategists, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Paschal's Restaurant grew in fame and popularity, with visits from political
19 leaders, community activists, and such distinguished figures as President Bill Clinton; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Paschal was honored with numerous awards during his lifetime, including
21 The Lifetime Achievement Award in Business by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, The Trailblazer

22 Award by the National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators, and Developers, and
23 the 50+ Years in Business Award from the Atlanta Business League and was an inductee in
24 their Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Paschal was united in love and marriage for 58 years to the late Phyllis
26 Paschal and the couple was blessed with a remarkable son, Curtis; and

27 WHEREAS, this talented businessman's work ethic, determination, vision, deliberate
28 decisions, and supportive nature will long be remembered by family, friends, employees, and
29 neighbors.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Mr. James Vaughn Paschal and
32 commend his great achievements.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Paschal's family.