

House Resolution 230

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Hudson of the 124th, and Parham of the 141th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Spc. Vincent Hancock, United States Army, Olympic gold medal winner from
2 Putnam County, and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in August, 2008, 19-year-old Vincent Hancock became Putnam County's first
5 Olympic medalist when he won the gold medal for skeet shooting at the 2008 Summer
6 Olympics in Beijing, China; and

7 WHEREAS, he was ranked in first place heading into the final round at the Olympic games
8 after hitting 121 out of a possible 125 targets in the qualification round, which set a new
9 Olympic record; he shot 24 targets in the final to finish tied with Norway's Tore Brovold;
10 both shooters hit their first pair in the first shoot off, and in the second shoot off, Brovold
11 missed one of his targets, while Hancock hit both to claim the gold medal and set yet another
12 Olympic record for the final; and

13 WHEREAS, he was recruited to join the United States Army as a 16-year-old shotgun
14 shooting star who won seven international competitions before completing basic training
15 between his junior and senior years of high school; and

16 WHEREAS, Hancock is a World Champion, Pan American Games Champion, 2007 World
17 Cup Italy Champion and world record holder, World Clay Target Championship bronze
18 medalist, and now an Olympic Champion; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding achievements, the United States Postal Service
20 designed and released nationwide a cachet envelope with a collage of pictures honoring
21 Hancock; and

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that he be honored by this body.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Spc. Vincent Hancock, United States Army, Olympic
25 gold medal winner from Putnam County, for his outstanding achievements and his service
26 to this nation and invite him to appear before the House on such date and at such time as to
27 be determined by the Speaker of the House.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Spc. Vincent Hancock.