

Senate Resolution 314

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock on July 18, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hammock was born in Wayne County, Georgia, and served as the
5 face of the 1984 anti-DUI poster campaign for the Governor's Safety Council; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a football star at Jesup High School, Lieutenant Hammock was a standout on
7 the University of Florida football team, was drafted to the National Football League's Detroit
8 Lions, and was a 2002 member of the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served with the Georgia State Patrol for 30 years, where he was highly
10 regarded as a person of unquestioned integrity and with a dedication to the sound principles
11 of law enforcement; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as an officer, Lieutenant Hammock exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
13 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and
14 his efficient and effective commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hammock was an instructor with the Georgia Police Academy in
17 Atlanta and served as security officer for superior court judges in Glynn County; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Billie Phillips for 52 wonderful years and
19 had two beloved pets, Happy and Hammie; and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lieutenant Hammock will be missed by
27 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant John Ellis Hammock and express their
30 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant John Ellis
33 Hammock.