

House Resolution 1103

By: Representatives Sims of the 119th, Murphy of the 120th, Howard of the 121st, Smith of the 122nd, and Frazier of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Deputy James D. Paugh and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Deputy James D. Paugh on October 23, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
6 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
7 sound principles of law enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, known by friends and family as "J.D.," Deputy Paugh was a dedicated deputy
9 with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh's life was tragically cut short after stopping behind a vehicle on
11 Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond County when the occupant of the vehicle opened
12 fire upon him; and

13 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
14 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
15 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

16 WHEREAS, a native of Augusta, Georgia, Deputy Paugh was the beloved son of Wayne and
17 Anita Paugh and father of Brandon; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was a dedicated public servant who will long be remembered for
19 his courage and selflessness, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
20 knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Interstate Route 520 in Richmond County
23 from Exit 2 (Wrightsboro Road) to Exit 3 (Gordon Highway) is dedicated as the Deputy
24 James D. Paugh Memorial Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Deputy James D. Paugh
27 Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Deputy James
30 D. Paugh and to the Department of Transportation.