

House Resolution 1105

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Walter James Gaskins and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter James Gaskins was born on June 27, 1922, a lifelong resident of
7 Berrien County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Navy, valiantly and courageously defending America during World War II from 1940
10 to 1946; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins served on the USS Arizona and survived the attack on Pearl
12 Harbor; and

13 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a
14 willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his
15 fellow man; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
17 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
18 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
19 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 76 from Ten Mile Creek Road

22 to Giddens Road in Berrien County is dedicated as the Walter James Gaskins Memorial
23 Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Walter James Gaskins
26 Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Mr. Walter James Gaskins and to the Department of Transportation.