

## House Resolution 286

By: Representatives Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and service of Sam Driskell, Paulding Sheriff's Corporal, and inviting  
2 Howard Driskell, Theresa Britton, Allan Driskell, Susan Ramey, and Sheriff Gary Gullede  
3 to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
5 with the passing of Paulding Sheriff's Corporal Sam Driskell on January 6, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Sam Driskell was born on August 29, 1962, in Powder Springs, Georgia, a  
7 beloved son of Carolyn and Howell Driskell; and

8 WHEREAS, as a child, he enjoyed being active, spending his time outdoors playing Army,  
9 and buying bags of Army men every chance he had; and while a student at Paulding County  
10 High School, he played baseball, football, and soccer and was named most athletic before  
11 graduating in 1980; and

12 WHEREAS, shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army; completed basic  
13 training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and was stationed at Fort Stewart in Georgia, Fort  
14 Campbell in Kentucky, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, where he spent his military career as a drill  
15 sergeant, his favorite position, and Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico; and

16 WHEREAS, he was deployed to Korea's DMZ Zone, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia for Operation  
17 Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield, the Sinai Peninsula, Panama, and Egypt; and

18 WHEREAS, while stationed in Puerto Rico, he was united in love and marriage to Muachin  
19 Driskell in 2000, and was blessed with a remarkable daughter, Carolyn, on January 23, 2002;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, during Sam Driskell's career with the United States Army, he was awarded the  
22 Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army

23 Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National  
24 Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service  
25 Medal with two Bronze Service Stars; and

26 WHEREAS, he was also awarded the Non-commissioned Officer's Professional  
27 Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon,  
28 Multinational Force and Observer's Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation  
29 Medal (SA), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air  
30 Assault Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge; and

31 WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Army, he became a police officer with the  
32 Marietta Police Department in Marietta, Georgia; he began to work for the Paulding County  
33 Sheriff's Office in Paulding County, Georgia, in 2005; and he became a detective in their  
34 Crimes Against Children Unit in 2007; and

35 WHEREAS, he served as the Region 2 Coordinator for the Georgia Sheriff's Association Sex  
36 Offender Registry Task Force and was in charge of the Paulding County's Sex Offender  
37 Registry; and

38 WHEREAS, Sam Driskell has been recognized by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for  
39 his extraordinary work and training in other law enforcement department's sex offender units;  
40 in 2013 he was promoted to Corporal with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office; and in 2014  
41 he was awarded the Paulding County Commissioner's Public Safety Award.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body join in honoring the life and service of Sam Driskell, Paulding  
44 Sheriff's Corporal, and invite Howard Driskell, Theresa Britton, Allan Driskell, Susan  
45 Ramey, and Sheriff Gary Gullede to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a  
46 date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
49 family of Paulding Sheriff's Corporal Sam Driskell.