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RESOLUTION No. 23**

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March 1, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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2 Department of Transportation to rename the bridge over Big  
3 Walnut Creek at North U.S. Highway 231 as the "James Baugh  
4 Memorial Bridge".

5           *Whereas, On Friday, January 2, 2004, Captain James "Jim"*  
6 *Baugh lost his life while on duty with the Putnam County*  
7 *Sheriff's Department;*

8           *Whereas, Captain Baugh, while responding to a call, lost*  
9 *control of his sheriff's vehicle on wet pavement and skidded into*  
10 *Big Walnut Creek; he was pulled from the water but died five*  
11 *hours later;*

12           *Whereas, Captain Baugh served his community for 36 years,*  
13 *as a police officer for four years with the Greencastle Police*  
14 *Department and 32 years with the Putnam County Sheriff's*  
15 *Department;*

16           *Whereas, Captain Baugh was a firearms adjunct staff*  
17 *instructor at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for more*  
18 *than 20 years, achieved "Governor's 20" status, and was named*  
19 *one of the top 20 pistol shooters among police officers in the*  
20 *state;*

21           *Whereas, Captain Baugh's passion for firearms safety and*  
22 *training was instrumental in the creation and development of*  
23 *the Putnam County Sheriff's Department's pistol range that is*  
24 *now called the "Captain Jim Baugh Firearms Range"; and*

25           *Whereas, Captain James Baugh gave his life in service to his*



1 *community and his state: Therefore,*

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
3 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
4 *the Senate concurring:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the  
6 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge over  
7 Big Walnut Creek at North U.S. Highway 231 as the "James  
8 Baugh Memorial Bridge".

9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
10 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family  
11 of James Baugh and the commissioner of the Indiana  
12 Department of Transportation.

