



March 4, 2021

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 23**

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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**Pfaff, Baird**

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March 1, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
March 4, 2021, reported — Do Pass.

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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.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 23, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HC 23 as printed March 1, 2021.)

PRESSEL

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

