

1 HJR126
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3 By Representatives Grantland and Letson
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 21-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER
4 AND LIFE OF NATIVE ALABAMIAN AND OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST, JAMES
5 CLEVELAND "JESSE" OWENS, BY DESIGNATING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY
6 36 IN MORGAN COUNTY AS THE "THE JESSE OWENS PARKWAY."

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8 WHEREAS, with great pride and adulation, we
9 recognize and honor the distinguished career and life of
10 Native Alabamian and Olympic Gold Medalist James Cleveland
11 "Jesse" Owens by a naming a highway in his honor; and

12 WHEREAS, a native son, born September 12, 1913, in
13 Oakville, Lawrence County, Alabama, Jesse Owens was a 1936
14 Olympic medalist, the recipient of four gold medals at the
15 games held in Nazi Germany, one each in the 100 meters, the
16 200 meters, the long jump, and as part of the 4x100 meter
17 relay team, an extraordinary athletic accomplishment; and

18 WHEREAS, Jesse Owens, at the age of 22, brought fame
19 and honor to the United States while disproving to the entire
20 world Adolph Hitler's theory of Aryan supremacy, and
21 shattering Hitler's hopes of proving such a fallacy at the
22 Berlin games; and

23 WHEREAS, even prior to the Olympics, Jesse Owens
24 displayed his athletic prowess as a high school student in
25 Cleveland, Ohio, by tying the world record of 9.4 seconds in

1 the 100-yard dash, and as an Ohio State University student,
2 affectionately known as the "Buckeye Bullet," by winning a
3 record eight individual NCAA championships; and

4 WHEREAS, Jesse Owens will long be remembered, not
5 only for his outstanding accomplishments in the world of
6 sports, but for his contributions to the world as an
7 extraordinary human being; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with great honor we recognize
10 Jesse Owens, a native of Oakville, Lawrence County, Alabama,
11 for his superb achievements in track and field and for the
12 legacy that he left both to our nation and this great state of
13 Alabama, and hereby designate that portion of Highway 36 in
14 Morgan County from the intersection of Highway 36 with
15 Interstate 65 to the Lawrence County line as "The Jesse Owens
16 Parkway."

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
18 resolution be sent to the family of Jesse Owens as a keepsake
19 of this honorable designation

20 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the proper officials are
21 hereby requested to erect and maintain signs indicating this
22 designation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 26-JAN-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

25-MAR-10

Adopted