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3 By Senators Singleton and Sanders
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8 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF
9 MAYOR EDWARD DANIEL OF MARION, ALABAMA, BY DESIGNATING A
10 PORTION OF HIGHWAY 5 IN PERRY COUNTY THE EDWARD DANIEL
11 HIGHWAY.
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13 WHEREAS, Mayor Edward Daniel, former mayor of the
14 City of Marion, by petition, is heralded by city officials and
15 his fellow citizens for his contributions to the City of
16 Marion; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel has spent most of his life
18 serving the people of the City of Marion and Perry County; he
19 began a teaching career at Marion Baptist Academy in 1959; he
20 later coached at Lincoln High School, now Francis Marion High
21 School, continuing a coaching career to become head basketball
22 coach, and coach of football, basketball, and track and field;
23 eventually he was named Athletics Director of Francis Marion
24 High School in 1987; and

25 WHEREAS, after 35 years of teaching and coaching, in
26 1994, he retired from the Perry County School System and

1 during the same year, was inducted into the Alabama High
2 School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel began his political career in
4 the early 1970's, when upon the request of the late Mayor
5 Douglas Moore, he was appointed to the Marion Industrial
6 Development Board and The Marion Recreation Board; he served
7 as a youth supervisor in the City of Marion under the CETA
8 Summer Youth Employment Program, receiving recognition for his
9 leadership in 1982 from Governor Fob James as he was named the
10 state's "Outstanding Worksite Supervisor" for youth employment
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, he continued his political career by
13 becoming Marion's first African American elected official,
14 serving on the Marion City Council, and then in 1992, Mayor
15 Daniel's political career was solidified as he was elected the
16 first African American Mayor of Marion, serving 3 terms in
17 office; and

18 WHEREAS, his 20 years of service to the City of
19 Marion as an elected official brought about numerous grants to
20 the city, including a grant to renovate the Old Depot which
21 now houses the Perry County Chamber of Commerce; his other
22 grant projects included water system improvement and
23 construction of The Georgia Walker Walking Trail; and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel continues a life of service on
25 the Board of Deacons at Trinity Baptist Church, as Sunday
26 School teacher for young men, as the Vice-Chairman of Perry
27 County's "Sowing Seeds of Hope" organization, as a member of

1 the Perry County Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the
2 Perry County Rural Development Committee; his past
3 affiliations include, The Alabama League of Municipalities
4 Executive Committee, The National Conference of Mayors,
5 serving on the Board, The Alabama Conference of Black Mayors,
6 serving as president, and The World Conference of Mayors, also
7 serving as president; and

8 WHEREAS, because of Mayor Edward Daniel's many years
9 of service, leadership, and dedication to the City of Marion
10 and Perry County, we desire to permanently and officially
11 honor his contributions; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That a 4.5 mile portion of Alabama
14 Highway 5, between the northern and southern city limits of
15 Marion, is hereby designated the "Edward Daniel Highway."

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
17 resolution be provided to Mayor Edward Daniel as an expression
18 of our appreciation for his service.

19 RESOLVED FURTHER, That we hereby request the
20 appropriate officials to install and maintain signs indicating
21 the Edward Daniel Highway.