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3 By Senator Ward  
4 RFD: Rules  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR36,

5 NAMING A PORTION OF I-65 THE PHILIP M. DAVIS

6 HIGHWAY.

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8 WHEREAS, in honor of the late Philip Mahan Davis, a  
9 Pelham law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of  
10 duty, it is benefitting to name that portion of I-65 North  
11 between mile marker 234 north to the Shelby/Jefferson County  
12 line the Philip M. Davis Highway; and

13 WHEREAS, Philip M. Davis graduated from the Alabama  
14 Criminal Justice Training Center in 1998, received his  
15 bachelor's degree in criminal justice from The University of  
16 Alabama in 2000, and his master's degree from Faulkner State  
17 College in 2005; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Davis was born on January 7, 1976,  
19 and served with the Calera Police Department before joining  
20 the Pelham Police Department in 2005; he was a true hero who  
21 cared deeply for his family, friends, co-workers, community,  
22 and nation; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Davis, who was fatally shot during  
24 a routine traffic stop on I-65 North, was the first Pelham  
25 officer to die in the line of duty in the department's 45-year

1 history; he left a wife, Paula, and two children, Sarah and  
2 John; and

3 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2010, Officer Davis  
4 posthumously received the Officer of the Year Award; in making  
5 this award, Pelham Police Chief Tommy Thomas noted that  
6 Officer Davis sacrificed all of his tomorrows to give us  
7 safety today and that Officer Davis was honored as a hero, not  
8 because he died or how he died, but because of what he did  
9 when he was alive; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Davis, who was known for his  
11 professionalism and work ethic, was well-respected, easy to  
12 get along with, and possessed a tremendous sense of humor; and

13 WHEREAS, the Officer of the Year Award recognizes  
14 Officer Davis's dedicated service to the citizens of Alabama  
15 and his legacy as a law enforcement officer, a husband and  
16 father, and a friend of all Alabama citizens; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor and memory of the  
19 late Officer Philip M. Davis, we declare that portion of I-65  
20 beginning at mile marker 234 and continuing north to the  
21 Shelby/Jefferson County line be named the Philip M. Davis  
22 Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate  
24 officials be requested to place and maintain appropriate signs  
25 or markers as provided in this resolution.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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