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3 By Senator Ward
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8 NAMING A PORTION OF I-65 THE PHILIP M. DAVIS
9 HIGHWAY.

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Officer Davis, who was fatally shot during
27 a routine traffic stop on I-65 North, was the first Pelham

1 officer to die in the line of duty in the department's 45-year
2 history; he left a wife, Paula, and two children, Sarah and
3 John; and

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

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

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

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

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