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3 By Representatives Kennedy, Mitchell, Buskey and Bracy  
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8 NAMING THE STREETS WITHIN THE BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY  
9 COLLEGE IN HONOR OF INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH  
10 AND MISSION OF THE COLLEGE.  
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12 WHEREAS, founded in the summer of 1927, Bishop State  
13 Community College was originally the Mobile Branch of Alabama  
14 State College (University) in Montgomery, Alabama. It was  
15 established as an in-service arm of Alabama State College that  
16 offered extension courses to African-American elementary and  
17 secondary teachers in Mobile; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 23, 1989, the Alabama State  
19 Board of Education renamed the college to Bishop State  
20 Community College to reflect its growth in vocational/career  
21 offerings, transfer offerings and community service  
22 activities; on August 22, 1991, the Alabama State Board of  
23 Education consolidated two technical colleges in Mobile -  
24 Southwest State Technical College and Carver State Technical  
25 College - with Bishop State Community College; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1995, the college added a fourth campus  
27 with the opening of its Baker-Gaines Central Campus, formerly

1 the historic Central High School; the facility now houses the  
2 Division of Health Related Professions; in addition, it  
3 includes a museum, child care center, 1,200-seat auditorium,  
4 multimedia center, cafeteria facilities and a bookstore; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond L. Bailey, Dr. Charles  
6 Blackledge, Ms. Hattie G. Clark, Mr. William J. Hearin, Dr.  
7 Charles J. Henson, Mr. William Kaufman, Ms. Pearl Madison, Mr.  
8 Frank Miller, Dr. J. Christopher Mitchell, and Irmatean Y.  
9 Watson contributed to the growth of the college; and

10 WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor those individuals;  
11 now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor Mr.  
14 Raymond L. Bailey, Dr. Charles Blackledge, Ms. Hattie G.  
15 Clark, Mr. William J. Hearin, Dr. Charles J. Henson, Mr.  
16 William Kaufman, Ms. Pearl Madison, Mr. Frank Miller, and Dr.  
17 J. Christopher Mitchell, and Irmatean Y. Watson by naming the  
18 streets in the Bishop State Community College for and in honor  
19 of those individuals.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
21 resolution be provided to each member of the Alabama State  
22 Board of Education and to James Lowe, Jr., President of Bishop  
23 State Community College.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Bishop State Community  
25 College is hereby directed to erect appropriate signage.