

1 SJR58  
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3 By Senator Dial  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 03-APR-12

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4 ENROLLED, SJR58,

5 NAMING THE PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 78 WESTBOUND IN  
6 CLEBURNE COUNTY BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY 9 INTERSECTION TO THE  
7 CALHOUN COUNTY LINE, THE HORACE AND MARY MERRILL HIGHWAY.  
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9 WHEREAS, with great pride and adulation, the Alabama  
10 Legislature hereby recognizes the lifetime commitment and  
11 contributions of Horace and Mary Merrill to the citizens of  
12 Cleburne County; that portion of U.S. Highway 78 westbound in  
13 Cleburne County between the Highway 9 intersection in Heflin  
14 and the Calhoun County line should be named the Horace and  
15 Mary Merrill Highway to honor this contribution and to  
16 commemorate this service; and

17 WHEREAS, Horace graduated from Cleburne County High  
18 School where he participated in all varsity athletic programs  
19 and later attended Southern Union Junior College on an  
20 athletic scholarship; he was elected and served 12 years as  
21 Cleburne County Circuit Clerk before being elected Probate  
22 Judge; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to his public service as an  
24 elected official, Horace was a member of and an officer in  
25 various civic, professional, and social organizations

1 including the Lions Club, Jaycees, and Athletic Boosters Club;  
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3 WHEREAS, in 1963, Horace married Mary Thompson and  
4 together they reared two children, John Harold and Audrey  
5 Dahlene; Mary was a graduate of Oxford High School,  
6 Jacksonville State College, and the University of  
7 Alabama-Birmingham; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary taught school for 30 years, teaching  
9 at White Plains, Ranburne High School, Cleburne County High  
10 School, and Cleburne County Elementary; she coached girls  
11 athletics, sponsored numerous organizations, and held various  
12 offices in the teachers' organization; she was also active in  
13 many church and association activities, her greatest love was  
14 the Boys and Girls Scouting programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Horace and Mary Merrill have dedicated  
16 their lives to the service of Cleburne County and the citizens  
17 there; it is right and proper that a portion of a highway  
18 through Cleburne County should bear an honor to them; now  
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That a portion of U.S. Highway 78  
22 westbound in Cleburne County between the Highway 9  
23 intersection in Heflin and the Calhoun County line be named  
24 the Horace and Mary Merrill Highway.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request the  
2           appropriate transportation officials to place and maintain  
3           signs and markers recognizing the Horace and Mary Merrill  
4           Highway.

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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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