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4 Bedford, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, and  
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NAMING PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAY 9 IN CLAY COUNTY  
THE \*\*MG C. MARK BOWEN HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, in honor of his valiant service to the citizens of Clay County, the State of Alabama, and our country, it is fitting to name a portion of State Highway 9 in honor of Major General C. Mark Bowen who has served with distinction in the Alabama National Guard for more than 44 years, including service as Adjutant General of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, General Bowen has used his training and experience to serve his country both as an enlisted soldier and officer and, throughout his career, he has placed an unwavering emphasis on providing leadership and service for Alabama's Guard members, their families, and their employers; and

WHEREAS, General Bowen was appointed by Governor Riley to command the mobilization of more than 10,000 Alabama National Guard members in the Global War on Terrorism, and he commanded an additional 5,000 Guard members during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

1           WHEREAS, this Alabama son has indeed served his  
2 country as a warrior in combat and as a leader in peace as a  
3 citizen-soldier; and his many military decorations include the  
4 Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Army  
5 Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal,  
6 National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal,  
7 Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training  
8 Ribbon with numeral 4, and the Expert Infantry Badge; and

9           WHEREAS, Major General Bowen is married to the  
10 former Sandra Evans, and they have a son, Bill Bowen, and a  
11 daughter, Lee Bowen Smith. In civilian life, he is retired  
12 after owning and operating two pharmacies, but is still active  
13 operating his farm located near Lineville and in many civic  
14 and church activities; now therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor of Major General C.  
17 Mark Bowen, we declare State Highway 9 in Clay County from the  
18 intersection of Highway 9 and State Highway 48 in Lineville,  
19 north to the intersection of Barfield Fire Department Road in  
20 Barfield, Clay County, Alabama, the \*\*MG C. MARK BOWEN  
21 Highway.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request the  
23 appropriate officials to erect and maintain signs so  
24 designating the road as \*\*MG C. Mark Bowen Highway, the two  
25 stars designating his rank.