

1 HJR62
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3 By Representatives Jackson, Howard and McCampbell
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 21-JAN-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 DESIGNATING THE ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR., AND
4 CHRISTOPHER "C.J." BOYKINS, JR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.
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6 WHEREAS, with highest tribute and deepest
7 appreciation, we honor the lives of Anthony Robinson, Jr., and
8 his cousin (brother) Christopher "C.J." Boykins who tragically
9 died in a motor vehicle accident on September 1, 2013, in
10 Marengo County; and

11 WHEREAS, Anthony was an outstanding athlete while a
12 student at Linden High School and had just begun the next step
13 in his career as a member of the University of West Alabama
14 Football team when he died at the young age of 19; and

15 WHEREAS, the consensus of the Linden community is
16 that Anthony was a great kid who led by example, and as noted
17 by a sportswriter "class on and off the field, whether it be
18 football, basketball, track or just life"; and

19 WHEREAS, Anthony's college football coach stated
20 that "Very rarely does a freshman impact a team right away,
21 but Anthony had already had a tremendous impact on our
22 football team in a very short time. He was a great player, but
23 an even better person"; and

24 WHEREAS, C.J. died at the tender age of 12 while a
25 student at the Demopolis Middle School, where the principal

1 said of him, "C.J. was outgoing, and he was very popular and
2 he was known as a people person and he loved his family and
3 sports, had a big heart, and was eager to learn new things";
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in their short lives, Anthony and C.J.
6 epitomized what was right about our youth of today and their
7 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
8 were fortunate to know them during their lifetime; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in remembrance of Anthony
12 Robinson, Jr., and Christopher "C.J." Boykins, we hereby
13 designate the portion of United States Highway 43 in Marengo
14 County from the city limits of Linden, Alabama, to the
15 intersection of Marengo County Road 47 as the "Anthony
16 Robinson, Jr., and Christopher "C.J." Boykins, Jr., Memorial
17 Highway."

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in keeping with
19 provisions of Sections 23-1-8 and 23-1-8.1 of the Code of
20 Alabama 1975, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
21 hereby requested to erect appropriate signage, to be paid for
22 fully with private funds provided by the Robinson and Boykins
23 Families or their friends, as specified in Section 23-1-8.1.
24 The signage should be erected along the designated route. The
25 signage should incorporate the Great Seal of the State of

1 Alabama. If possible, such signage should also incorporate the
2 official emblem of the Linden High School, University of West
3 Alabama, and the Demopolis Middle School provided all rights
4 to incorporate such aforementioned emblems are granted by the
5 schools and the university.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if possible, the
7 signage should be designed and laid out in emblems and words
8 as follows:

9 Great Seal of the State of Alabama

10 Anthony Robinson, Jr., and Christopher "C.J"

11 Boykins, Jr., Memorial Highway

12 Linden High School, University of West Alabama, and
13 the Demopolis Middle School emblems

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such memorial
15 designation shall in no way alter or conflict with the
16 commonly designated United States Highway 43 and shall not
17 affect in any way postal or address designations along the
18 designated memorial route.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be presented to the immediate families of Anthony
21 Robinson, Jr., and Christopher "C.J" Boykins, Jr., so that
22 they may know of the esteem in which we hold their family
23 members.

