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

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8 DESIGNATING THE ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR., AND
9 CHRISTOPHER "C.J." BOYKINS, JR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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11 WHEREAS, with highest tribute and deepest
12 appreciation, we honor the lives of Anthony Robinson, Jr., and
13 his cousin (brother) Christopher "C.J." Boykins who tragically
14 died in a motor vehicle accident on September 1, 2013, in
15 Marengo County; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Anthony's college football coach stated
25 that "Very rarely does a freshman impact a team right away,
26 but Anthony had already had a tremendous impact on our

1 football team in a very short time. He was a great player, but
2 an even better person"; and

3 WHEREAS, C.J. died at the tender age of 12 while a
4 student at the Demopolis Middle School, where the principal
5 said of him, "C.J. was outgoing, and he was very popular and
6 he was known as a people person and he loved his family and
7 sports, had a big heart, and was eager to learn new things";
8 and

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

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in keeping with
23 provisions of Sections 23-1-8 and 23-1-8.1 of the Code of
24 Alabama 1975, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
25 hereby requested to erect appropriate signage, to be paid for
26 fully with private funds provided by the Robinson and Boykins
27 Families or their friends, as specified in Section 23-1-8.1.

1 The signage should be erected along the designated route. The
2 signage should incorporate the Great Seal of the State of
3 Alabama. If possible, such signage should also incorporate the
4 official emblem of the Linden High School, University of West
5 Alabama, and the Demopolis Middle School provided all rights
6 to incorporate such aforementioned emblems are granted by the
7 schools and the university.

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

11 Great Seal of the State of Alabama

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

13 Boykins, Jr., Memorial Highway

14 Linden High School, University of West Alabama, and
15 the Demopolis Middle School emblems

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

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