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3 By Representatives Drake, Baker, Brown, Robinson (O), Scott,  
4 Rogers, Bridges, Johnson (W), Sanderford, Roberts, Clouse,  
5 Johnson (K) and Howard  
6 RFD: Rules  
7 First Read: 22-JAN-14

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8 DESIGNATING THE GEORGE WATSON, CHARLES THOMAS,  
9 MATTHEW LEONARD MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL PARKWAY TO COMMEMORATE  
10 AND HONOR THE SERVICE OF GEORGE WATSON, CHARLES THOMAS, AND  
11 MATTHEW LEONARD.

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13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of I-459 in  
15 Jefferson County near Liberty Park from the west boundary of  
16 I-459 at U.S. Highway 280 to the east boundary of I-459 at  
17 I-20 is hereby commemorated to honor the service of Medal of  
18 Honor recipients George Watson, Charles Thomas, and Matthew  
19 Leonard, all of whom were African-American Medal of Honor  
20 recipients.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate  
22 officials are requested to place and maintain markers  
23 designating this stretch of roadway the George Watson, Charles  
24 Thomas, Matthew Leonard Medal of Honor Memorial Parkway, to be  
25 commemorated on signage in a manner approved by the Department  
26 of Transportation.