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3 By Senator Dial  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 20-FEB-14

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4 ENROLLED, SJR59,

5 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 431 AS THE  
6 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD J. LAIRD HIGHWAY.

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8 WHEREAS, Representative Richard J. Laird of Roanoke,  
9 Alabama, was first elected to the House of Representatives in  
10 1978; he is now serving in his ninth consecutive term; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Laird is married to the  
12 former Peggy Richardson and together they have one son and two  
13 grandsons; since 1978, Peggy has been an active member of the  
14 Alabama Legislative Club, a fellowship and service club of  
15 spouses of Alabama Legislators; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Laird is the owner of Ranco  
17 Inc., and Laird's Construction, real estate and development  
18 businesses, and has a history in developing real estate since  
19 1978; prior to his real estate ventures he was involved in  
20 retail sales and development; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Laird is a member of  
22 numerous organizations, including the state and local  
23 Cattlemen's Associations and the Randolph County Gideon  
24 International; he has served on boards for the Randolph County  
25 Farmers Federation, and the First Bank, Wadley; he served as

1 president or chairman for the Randolph County Chamber of  
2 Commerce, the Randolph County United Givers, and the Boy  
3 Scouts of America, where he was an Award of Merit recipient;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, as a member of Handley Avenue Church of God  
6 in Roanoke, Representative Laird has served as clerk and an  
7 adult teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Laird served on the Roanoke  
9 City Council from 1972 through 1976; he has been named by his  
10 peers as one of the top 15 members of the Alabama House of  
11 Representatives for six of the seven years the program was in  
12 place, and was the recipient of the Governor's Lifetime  
13 Achievement Award in 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, it is both appropriate and desirable to  
15 honor Representative Laird, who has made the lives of his  
16 fellow citizens better and has brought honor and respect to  
17 Alabama through his tireless and dedicated public service; now  
18 therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of Highway 431  
21 beginning at I-20 in Cleburne County and proceeding south to  
22 I-85 in Lee County shall be designated as the Representative  
23 Richard J. Laird Highway.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate  
2 officials are requested to place and maintain a sign so  
3 identifying this 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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