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3 By Senator Dial
4 RFD: Rules
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8 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 431 AS THE
9 REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD J. LAIRD HIGHWAY.
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11 WHEREAS, Representative Richard J. Laird of Roanoke,
12 Alabama, was first elected to the House of Representatives in
13 1978; he is now serving in his ninth consecutive term; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Representative Laird is the owner of Ranco
20 Inc., and Laird's Construction, real estate and development
21 businesses, and has a history in developing real estate since
22 1978; prior to his real estate ventures he was involved in
23 retail sales and development; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Laird is a member of
25 numerous organizations, including the state and local
26 Cattlemen's Associations and the Randolph County Gideon

1 International; he has served on boards for the Randolph County
2 Farmers Federation, and the First Bank, Wadley; he served as
3 president or chairman for the Randolph County Chamber of
4 Commerce, the Randolph County United Givers, and the Boy
5 Scouts of America, where he was an Award of Merit recipient;
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7 WHEREAS, as a member of Handley Avenue Church of God
8 in Roanoke, Representative Laird has served as clerk and an
9 adult teacher; and

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

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of Highway 431
23 beginning at I-20 in Cleburne County and proceeding south to
24 I-85 in Lee County shall be designated as the Representative
25 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.