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3 By Senator Beasley
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8 NAMING A PORTION OF STATE ROAD 199 IN MACON COUNTY,
9 ALABAMA, THE CAPTAIN JOSEPH "PETE" PETERSON MEMORIAL
10 BOULEVARD.

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12 WHEREAS, Joseph Peterson was a distinguished
13 African-American pilot who was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, on
14 November 13, 1949; known by his friends and family as "Pete";
15 he graduated from Auburn University and was commissioned in
16 the United States Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Peterson graduated from the
18 Squadrons Officer Training School and served as an F-4E flight
19 commander in the Republic of Korea; he won several awards,
20 including the Meritorious Service Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, Captain Peterson died in an accident in
22 Nevada on January 18, 1982; Peterson Circle on Nellis Air
23 Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, is named in honor of Captain
24 Peterson; and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the memory of
26 Captain Peterson near his birthplace in Macon County, Alabama;
27 now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of State Road 199
3 in Macon County from SR 81 near the entrance to Tuskegee
4 Airmen's National Historical Site, to the Old Mitchell's
5 Village Community at the gateway to the former airbase where
6 the Tuskegee Airmen trained, is named the Captain Joseph
7 "Pete" Peterson Memorial Boulevard.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proper officials
9 are requested to place and maintain markers designating the
10 Captain Joseph "Pete" Peterson Memorial Boulevard as provided
11 in this resolution.