

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HJR100

HJR _____ NAMING A PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 8 (U.S. HIGHWAY 80) FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY THE JOHN R. LEWIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND THE PORTION OF SAID HIGHWAY THROUGH DALLAS COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY THE WALTER C. GIVHAN PARKWAY.

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama, where he grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated schools; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations, was one of the 13 original Freedom Riders and participated in many Freedom Rides, served as Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and led over 600 peaceful protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where he was brutally attacked by Alabama State Troopers on March 7, 1965, Bloody Sunday; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis was elected to Congress in November 1986 and served Georgia's Fifth Congressional District until his death on July 17, 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, Walter C. Givhan was born in 1902 in Perry
2 County and resided in Dallas County in nearby Safford,
3 Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, he was first elected state senator in 1954
5 and served a total 38 years in the Alabama Legislature until
6 his death in 1976; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Givhan was a champion of farmers,
8 and was posthumously recognized by Auburn University as the
9 "father of the soybean movement in Alabama"; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we declare that a portion of
12 Alabama Highway 8 (U.S. Highway 80), from mile marker 85.191
13 to mile marker 120.591, be named the John R. Lewis Memorial
14 Highway and that a portion of the same highway, from the
15 Lowndes Dallas County Line through Dallas County and Perry
16 County, be named the Walter C. Givhan Parkway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate
18 officials be requested to place and maintain signs or markers
19 as provided in this resolution.