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By Representative Chestnut

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NAMING A PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 8 (U.S. HIGHWAY 80) FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY THE JOHN R. LEWIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we declare that a portion of Alabama Highway 8 (U.S. Highway 80), from mile marker 85.191 to mile marker 120.591, be named the John R. Lewis Memorial Highway.

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