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3 By Senator Beasley
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 22-FEB-22

NAMING MACON COUNTY ROAD 69 THE DR. WILLIE KIRK, JR.
HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, Dr. Willie Kirk, Jr. is a lifelong contributor to the betterment of the Little Texas Community of Tuskegee, in Macon County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk began his career in Macon County in 1947 as an employee of Keever's Grocery and Foreman Rogers Theater; he went on to work as an apprentice and journeyman pipefitter, contributing to many projects across the state, including the installation of the first gas-fired boiler at Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk served the State of Alabama as the Plumbing and Building Inspector for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk served on the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University and worked with the Alabama Democratic Conference and the Democratic Black Caucus for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk has been the proud owner of Irene, the Official Democratic Donkey for the National Democratic Party for the last 30 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk has given continuous service to
2 the Board of Directors of the Little Texas Volunteer Fire
3 Department since the department's opening in 2003; with Dr.
4 Kirk's help securing grant funding and local fundraising, the
5 Little Texas Volunteer Fire Department has grown from a
6 community dream into one of the most respected fire
7 departments in the State of Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to being a devoted member of
9 the Union Christian Church, Dr. Kirk is a Mason, a Shriner,
10 and a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk's service to the Macon County
12 Community and the State of Alabama is worthy of recognition;
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Macon County Road 69 in Macon
16 County is designated the Dr. Willie Kirk, Jr. Highway, and
17 that the appropriate officials place and maintain signs or
18 markers on that portion of Macon County Road 69 designated as
19 the Dr. Willie Kirk, Jr. Highway.