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HJR___ NAMING A PORTION OF ALABAMA STATE ROUTE 52 IN HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE JOE R. CAROTHERS HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this body honors the memory of former State of Alabama Representative, Joe R. Carothers, by requesting that the Department of Transportation designate the portion of Alabama State Route 52 between the city limit sign of Taylor City and Alabama State Route 605 in Houston County, Alabama, as the Joe R. Carothers Highway; and

WHEREAS, Joe R. Carothers was a gentleman farmer, family man, teacher, and public servant with the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Alabama from 1974 to 2006; he graduated from Auburn University in 1959 and had a 30-year career as an Agriculture Teacher in Houston County Schools before serving 32 years with the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Representative Carothers was an influential voice and leader representing the Wiregrass; he was an advocate for agriculture in the state and was recognized for his work in designating Landmark Park as the official Alabama Agricultural Museum and leading the Tri-State Junior Beef Expo in conjunction with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, State Department of Education, and the State Department of Agriculture and Industries; he served as past



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29 president of the Houston County Farmers Federation and
30 influenced the use of the Houston County Farm Center; he
31 initiated the National Peanut Festival Junior Beef Cattle
32 Show for youth exhibitors, and was a member and past
33 president of the Tri-State Beef Cattle Expo Board of
34 Directors; served as chairman of the Houston County Steer
35 Show and supported the Houston County Heifer Show; and

36 WHEREAS, Representative Carothers was instrumental in
37 growing community and economic development opportunities and
38 growing the Wiregrass economy with his championship of the
39 Alabama Municipal Electric Authority's mission to provide
40 low-cost, reliable electricity to citizens of Alabama
41 through its formation in 1981; providing access to health
42 care through numerous legislative acts to support the
43 Healthcare Authority laws; through recognition by the Dothan
44 Area Chamber of Commerce for his work in bringing meaningful
45 economic development opportunities to the area, including
46 Michelin Tire Corporation and McLane Company, Incorporated,
47 as two examples; and

48 WHEREAS, Representative Carothers dedicated his life
49 to serving his constituents and the residents of Alabama
50 with fairness and distinction; he was a devoted longtime
51 member of First United Methodist Church in Dothan, Alabama;
52 he was a trusted friend and supporter of the Wiregrass Area
53 Food Bank; his manner was genuine and public service
54 sincere; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the



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57 significant and lasting contributions of Representative Joe
58 Carothers to the Legislature of Alabama, the people of his
59 district, and the residents of the State of Alabama, the
60 Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate
61 with local governing officials to consider naming the
62 portion of Alabama State Route 52 between the city limit
63 sign of Taylor City and Alabama State Route 605 in Houston
64 County, Alabama, as the Joe R. Carothers Highway and to
65 erect appropriate signs or markers, consistent with
66 applicable requirements and laws, in recognition of this
67 designation.