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3 By Representative Hammett
4 RFD: Rules
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4 HJR____ NAMING U.S. HIGHWAY 29 AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAGLE
5 ROAD AND HARTS BRIDGE ROAD IN COVINGTON COUNTY THE PFC
6 THOMAS LLOYD RODGERS MEMORIAL INTERSECTION.
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8 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this
9 body honors the memory of Private First Class Thomas LLOYD
10 Rodgers by designating the intersection of U.S. 29 with
11 Eagle Road and Harts Bridge Road in Covington County as the
12 PFC Thomas LLOYD Rodgers Memorial Intersection; and

13 WHEREAS, Lloyd Rodgers, affectionately known as Big
14 Rodgers to the other soldiers in his regiment, was born in
15 Covington County on April 5, 1921, to John Thomas Evans and
16 Eva Bass Evans and attended Pleasant Home School, where he
17 was a standout basketball player; after joining the United
18 States Army, he became a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion; and

19 WHEREAS, Lloyd Rodgers was called into service and
20 joined the Alabama National Guard on November 25, 1940; he
21 was selected for Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia,
22 and completed advanced training at Fort Bragg, North
23 Carolina; he received his parachute wings and was assigned
24 to C Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry
25 Regiment of the legendary 82nd Airborne Division; and

26 WHEREAS, Private First Class Rodgers volunteered to
27 join an elite Pathfinder Unit for the D-Day invasion; his
28 gallant, courageous actions prior to and during the invasion



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29 earned him the Distinguished Service Cross, which was
30 awarded posthumously; he was killed in action during the
31 invasion after parachuting into Belgium near the town of St.
32 Mere Eglise; now therefore,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
34 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Private First Class
35 Thomas Lloyd Rodgers, U.S Highway 29 at its intersection
36 with Eagle Road and Harts Bridge Road in Covington County is
37 hereby named the PFC Thomas Lloyd Rodgers Memorial
38 Intersection.