

## HJR286 INTRODUCED



1 HJR286  
2 AR156SS-1  
3 By Representative Hammett  
4 RFD: Rules  
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4 HJR\_\_\_\_ NAMING A TWO-MILE PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 137 IN  
5 COVINGTON COUNTY IN MEMORY OF GENERAL UNDERWOOD CROSS.  
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7 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this  
8 body honors the memory of General Underwood Cross by  
9 requesting the Department of Transportation designate a  
10 two-mile portion of State Highway 137 in Covington County as  
11 the General Underwood Cross Memorial Highway; and

12 WHEREAS, Underwood Cross was born in Covington County  
13 on April 25, 1925, to James Kension Cross and Susie Jesse  
14 Wells Cross, the oldest of seven children; and

15 WHEREAS, Underwood Cross reported for active duty  
16 with the United States Army on June 24, 1943, and earned his  
17 pilots wings; he was discharged in February 1946 and  
18 assigned to the Army Air Corps Reserves before being  
19 recalled to duty in October 1948 by the Army Air Corps, now  
20 redesignated the new U.S. Air Force; and

21 WHEREAS, although General Cross flew many missions,  
22 his most notable achievement was when he was promoted by  
23 President Lyndon Johnson to Chief Air Force One Pilot in  
24 1965; General Cross died on July 15, 2015, at the age of 90  
25 and was buried at home in Covington County beside his  
26 beloved wife, Marie Campbell Cross; now therefore,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
28 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor General Underwood



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29 Cross, a two-mile portion of State Highway 137 beginning at  
30 its intersection with U.S. Highway 29 in Covington County is  
31 hereby named the General Underwood Cross Memorial Highway.