

**SJR69 INTRODUCED**



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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Bell, Butler,  
4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,  
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,  
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,  
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,  
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams

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10 First Read: 10-Apr-25



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SJR\_\_\_ NAMING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 81 IN MACON COUNTY  
THE ANDREW PRESTON HORNSBY, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this  
body honors the exemplary service and contributions of  
Andrew Preston Hornsby, Sr. by requesting the Department of  
Transportation designate the one-mile segment of State Route  
81 from Mile Marker 2.958 to 1.958 in Macon County the  
Andrew Preston Hornsby, Sr. Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, Preston Hornsby served the residents of  
Macon County as a State Trooper before and after World War  
II; he then was elected Sheriff, winning his first election  
by only one vote and serving in that role for 14 years; he  
worked to improve the racial tensions in the county, hiring  
the first Black deputy in Alabama in 1962; he was president  
of the Alabama Sheriffs Association and the Alabama Peace  
Officers' Association before being elected as the Judge of  
Probate for Macon County, serving 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hornsby was progressive in his views  
on racial issues at the time, and he made enemies by hiring  
the Black deputy and upholding the desegregation of Tuskegee  
High School, defying Governor Wallace; he began attending  
the meetings of the Macon County Civic Association and  
openly soliciting Black voters; in retaliation, the Ku Klux  
Klan hanged him in effigy in the courthouse square; and



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29           WHEREAS, Judge Hornsby used his position and  
30 influence to provide African Americans in the county to use  
31 their vote at the local level for a more just government; he  
32 was married to Margaret Hornsby for 58 years until his  
33 passing on July 26, 1997; their union was blessed with four  
34 children, Charlotte McCartney, Andy Hornsby, Jane  
35 Kourkoulis, and Susan Crisp, and six grandchildren; now  
36 therefore,

37           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
38 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor his many years of  
39 public service and the significant impact he made in Macon  
40 County, the one-mile segment of State Route 81 from mile  
41 marker 2.958 to 1.958 is hereby named the Andrew Preston  
42 Hornsby, Sr. Memorial Highway.