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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

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 10-Apr-25



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4 SJR____ NAMING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 81 IN MACON COUNTY
5 THE ANDREW PRESTON HORNSBY, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this
8 body honors the exemplary service and contributions of
9 Andrew Preston Hornsby, Sr. by requesting the Department of
10 Transportation designate the one-mile segment of State Route
11 81 from Mile Marker 2.958 to 1.958 in Macon County the
12 Andrew Preston Hornsby, Sr. Memorial Highway; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Judge Hornsby was progressive in his views
23 on racial issues at the time, and he made enemies by hiring
24 the Black deputy and upholding the desegregation of Tuskegee
25 High School, defying Governor Wallace; he began attending
26 the meetings of the Macon County Civic Association and
27 openly soliciting Black voters; in retaliation, the Ku Klux
28 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.