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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

NAMING A PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 72 AT MILE MARKER 18
TO THE ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE THE FRANKIE LEE WALLACE
HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Frankie Lee Wallace, of
Cherokee, Alabama, while serving in Vietnam, was leading a
patrol on a routine search of several villages when his squad
was suddenly engaged by small arms and automatic weapons fire
from a Viet Cong squad; and

WHEREAS, upon encountering hostile fire, First
Lieutenant Wallace led an assault on the positions
successfully forcing the Viet Cong to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace then led pursuit
of the retreating Viet Cong until the insurgent force joined
with a well-entrenched platoon size force; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace then directed
effective artillery fire and air strikes on the Viet Cong
platoon's positions; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace then led another
assault and was met by intense automatic weapons and mortar
fire, forcing him to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, during the withdrawal, a member of
Wallace's squad fell wounded, and, Wallace, without

1 hesitation, ran into an open rice paddy to aid his wounded
2 comrade, receiving a wound to the leg before reaching him; and

3 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace, unmindful of his
4 wound, continued to approach the stricken soldier, killing two
5 Viet Cong who were also attempting to reach the wounded man;
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7 WHEREAS, despite being fully exposed to intense Viet
8 Cong fire concentrated upon him, First Lieutenant Wallace
9 provided aid to the wounded soldier and attempted to assist
10 him to safety, receiving a mortal wound by hostile automatic
11 weapons fire while doing so; and

12 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace's leadership,
13 courage, and inspiring example were instrumental in saving the
14 life of the injured soldier; and

15 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace was posthumously
16 awarded the Silver Star for his leadership and unimpeachable
17 valor displayed against a numerically superior hostile force,
18 reflecting great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United
19 States Army; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the
22 section of US Highway 72 beginning at Mile Marker 18 and
23 continuing West to the Alabama/Mississippi State Line as the
24 "Frankie Lee Wallace Highway" in honor and memory of First
25 Lieutenant Frankie Lee Wallace.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Colbert County
2 Legislative Delegation shall receive a copy of this
3 resolution.

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request appropriate
5 officials to place and maintain appropriate signs as provided
6 in this resolution.

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution
8 shall be provided to Frankie Lee Wallace's widow, Cathy; son,
9 Frankie; sister, Margaret; and his brother, Malcom.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 11-JAN-18.

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Jeff Woodard

Clerk

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