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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
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8 NAMING A PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 72 AT MILE MARKER 18
9 TO THE ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE THE FRANKIE LEE WALLACE
10 HIGHWAY.
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12 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Frankie Lee Wallace, of
13 Cherokee, Alabama, while serving in Vietnam, was leading a
14 patrol on a routine search of several villages when his squad
15 was suddenly engaged by small arms and automatic weapons fire
16 from a Viet Cong squad; and

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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, during the withdrawal, a member of
5 Wallace's squad fell wounded, and, Wallace, without
6 hesitation, ran into an open rice paddy to aid his wounded
7 comrade, receiving a wound to the leg before reaching him; and

8 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace, unmindful of his
9 wound, continued to approach the stricken soldier, killing two
10 Viet Cong who were also attempting to reach the wounded man;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, despite being fully exposed to intense Viet
13 Cong fire concentrated upon him, First Lieutenant Wallace
14 provided aid to the wounded soldier and attempted to assist
15 him to safety, receiving a mortal wound by hostile automatic
16 weapons fire while doing so; and

17 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace's leadership,
18 courage, and inspiring example were instrumental in saving the
19 life of the injured soldier; and

20 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Wallace was posthumously
21 awarded the Silver Star for his leadership and unimpeachable
22 valor displayed against a numerically superior hostile force,
23 reflecting great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United
24 States Army; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the
27 section of US Highway 72 beginning at Mile Marker 18 and

1 continuing West to the Alabama/Mississippi State Line as the
2 "Frankie Lee Wallace Highway" in honor and memory of First
3 Lieutenant Frankie Lee Wallace.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Colbert County
5 Legislative Delegation shall receive a copy of this
6 resolution.

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request appropriate
8 officials to place and maintain appropriate signs as provided
9 in this resolution.

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