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3 By Representatives Guin and Sherer
4 RFD: Rules
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8 DESIGNATING 7TH STREET IN THE CITY OF JASPER IN
9 WALKER COUNTY JOHN T. OLIVER, JR. STREET.
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11 WHEREAS, with great pride and adulation, the Alabama
12 Legislature hereby recognizes John T. Oliver, Jr., of Jasper,
13 Alabama, and desires to commemorate his years of service to
14 the public by naming a street in his honor; and

15 WHEREAS, a natural entrepreneur, Mr. Oliver has
16 enjoyed many years of tremendous success founding, developing,
17 and operating various businesses in north Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, a devoted community servant, Mr. Oliver has
19 founded a number of charities to serve educational, civic, and
20 social organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver has been a civic leader
22 throughout his long career; he serves or has served as Trustee
23 Emeritus for The University of Alabama, retired President of
24 First National Bank, Trustee of Synovus Bank, Chairman of the
25 Bankhead Foundation, Board Member of the Alabama Humanities
26 Foundation, and Board Member of the Alabama Department of

1 Archives and History, among other affiliations too numerous to
2 note; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver's present service as President
4 of the Walker Area Community Foundation represents perhaps his
5 greatest impact on the local community; since making the
6 initial endowment of \$6 million in founding the Walker Area
7 Community Foundation in 1995, Mr. Oliver has personally
8 overseen remarkable growth in the WACF, which currently has a
9 worth of nearly \$11 million; in the 15 years of its existence,
10 the Foundation has taken in nearly \$4.7 million from the local
11 community and invested over \$5.1 million in more than 100
12 local nonprofit organizations, in support of education, social
13 services, recreation, arts, history, and improved quality of
14 life throughout the area; and

15 WHEREAS, under Mr. Oliver's leadership and
16 supervision, the Bankhead House & Heritage Center restoration
17 project was conceived and initiated in 2008; this historic
18 residence will serve as inspiration for generations of future
19 visitors; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver's ongoing dedication to and
21 leadership in the Walker County community warrant our highest
22 esteem and commemoration in perpetuity; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That 7th Street in the City of
25 Jasper in Walker County is hereby designated John T. Oliver,
26 Jr. Street and the appropriate authorities are encouraged to

1 erect and maintain signs and markers specifying this
2 designation.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
4 resolution be provided to John T. Oliver and the Walker Area
5 Community Foundation, so that this meritorious designation is
6 known.