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3 By Senators Singleton, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
7 Scofield, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley,  
8 and Williams

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8 NAMING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 11 IN GREENE COUNTY THE  
9 MATTHEW LEONARD HIGHWAY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Alabama  
12 Legislature names a portion of Highway 11 in Greene County  
13 from the county line at Knoxville to the Sumter County line in  
14 honor of Matthew Leonard, a Congressional Medal of Honor  
15 Recipient who was born in Eutaw, Alabama, on November 26,  
16 1929; and

17 WHEREAS, Matthew Leonard married his childhood  
18 sweetheart, Lois, and they had five children; he served in the  
19 Korean War and in Vietnam while in United States Army; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Matthew Leonard was  
21 killed in action on February 28, 1967, while serving as  
22 platoon Sergeant near Suio Da, South Vietnam; and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Matthew Leonard  
24 received America's highest military decoration, the Medal of  
25 Honor, for his actions in Vietnam; his wife, Lois, was  
26 presented with his Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B.

Johnson during a ceremony at the Pentagon on December 19, 1968; and

WHEREAS, indeed, it is befitting that a portion of Highway 11 in Greene County from the county line at Knoxville to the Sumter County line be named the Matthew Leonard Highway as an enduring and lasting tribute to his ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Alabama and the United States; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That a portion of Highway 11 in Greene County from the county line at Knoxville to the Sumter County line be named the Matthew Leonard Highway and that the proper officials are requested to place and maintain markers designating the Matthew Leonard Highway as provided in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of the late Matthew Leonard so that this meritorious designation is known.