

1 HJR182
2 150754-2
3 By Representative Lindsey
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 20-MAR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 NAMING A PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 78 IN CLEBURNE
4 COUNTY IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT RALPH BYRON BENTLEY AND A
5 PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 46 IN CLEBURNE COUNTY IN MEMORY OF
6 LIEUTENANT GREG MERRILL.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and honor that we
9 recognize the naming of a portion of U.S. Highway 78 in
10 Cleburne County after the late Lieutenant Ralph Byron Bentley
11 and a portion of Alabama Highway 46 in Cleburne County after
12 the late Lieutenant Greg Merrill; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bentley faithfully served the
14 City of Heflin and was killed in the line of duty on Saturday,
15 July 3, 1982, when struck by a vehicle; and

16 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to name that portion of
17 U.S. Highway 78 in Cleburne County from mile marker 175 to
18 mile marker 180 as the Lieutenant Ralph Byron Bentley Memorial
19 Highway; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Greg Merrill, who died of
21 cancer, faithfully served the City of Heflin, continuing to
22 report to duty and serve the citizens of Heflin even though
23 weakened by chemotherapy; and

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to name that portion of
2 U.S. Highway 46 in Cleburne County from mile marker 0 to mile
3 marker 5 as the Lieutenant Greg Merrill Memorial Highway; and

4 WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police,
5 Merrill-Bentley Memorial Lodge #79 has determined that these
6 officers were well-respected in the community and deserving of
7 this honor and have offered to pay for the signage so that the
8 memory of Lt. Merrill and Lt. Bentley will live on in the
9 lives they have touched and the citizens they have served; now
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we herein recognize a portion
13 of U.S. Highway 78 in Cleburne County as the Lieutenant Ralph
14 Byron Bentley Memorial Highway and a portion of U.S. Highway
15 46 in Cleburne County as the Lieutenant Greg Merrill Memorial
16 Highway and that the proper officials are requested to place
17 and maintain markers designating the highways as provided in
18 this resolution.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
20 resolution be provided as a memento of this memorial
21 designation by the Alabama Legislature.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 04-APR-13.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted