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3 By Representatives Clarke, Drummond and Jones (S)
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-APR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 NAMING A PORTION OF DAUPHIN ISLAND PARKWAY IN MOBILE
4 THE WILLIAM HENRY DOTCH MEMORIAL MILE.
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6 WHEREAS, William Henry Dotch was a native of Mobile;
7 he graduated from Central High School and Carver State
8 Technical College; although he passed away in 2015, his legacy
9 lives on in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, dedicated to serving his community and
11 working diligently to make a difference, Mr. Dotch served in
12 the U. S. Army, including service in Vietnam and re-enlisting
13 in the U.S. Army in 1976; he used his barbering skills in
14 numerous capacities in the Mobile County area, including
15 Little Star Barber Shop, Enoch's Hairstyle Shop, Lucy's Barber
16 Shop, and opened his own Dotch Barber and Style in 1998 on
17 Dauphin Island Parkway; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dotch also worked in the numerous
19 businesses in the area and was the first African-American
20 manager in a Mobile Pak-A-Sak store; in 2008, he opened Dotch
21 Bar-B-Que and Sandwich Shop on Dauphin Island Parkway; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Dotch, an active member of the
23 community, served in leadership roles in many organizations
24 including: Cedar Park Missionary Baptist Church, Nonpartisan
25 Voters League, NAACP, The Peninsula of Mobile non-profit

1 organization for the Dauphin Island Parkway Community, Mobile
2 Area Mardi Gras Association, and Patriots Social and Civic
3 Club, among others; he was dedicated to serving his community
4 and offered complimentary haircuts to reward good grades,
5 acknowledge birthdays, and prepare others for job interviews;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dotch was a charter member of the
8 Mobile Barber and Cosmetology Association and served as Chair
9 of Bylaws and President; his many achievements, contributions,
10 and honors include Founder of the Dauphin Island Parkway
11 Christmas Parade; 2007 Certificate of Excellence for
12 Outstanding Partners in Education, B.C. Rain High School; 2007
13 U.S. Army ROTC Raider Battalion Certificate for Outstanding
14 Support to the B.C. Rain High School Army JROTC; and the 2008
15 Unsung Hero Award from the NAACP Freedom Fund; and

16 WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the memory of
17 William Henry Dotch near the place where he impacted the lives
18 of so many people; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in memory of his dedication
21 and service to the citizens of the Dauphin Island Parkway
22 community we declare that the portion of the Dauphin Island
23 Parkway from Cedar Crescent Road to Boykin Boulevard in Mobile
24 is named the William Henry Dotch Memorial Mile.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate
2 officials be requested to place and maintain signs or markers
3 as provided in this resolution.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 16-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

02-MAY-19

Adopted