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2 208056-3  
3 By Representatives Lawrence and Chestnut  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 11-MAR-21

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2       ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   NAMING THE PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 8 (U.S.

4                   HIGHWAY 80) IN LOWNDES COUNTY THE ROBERT "BOB" MANTS, JR.

5                   MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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7                   WHEREAS, Robert C. Mants, Jr. was born and raised in  
8                   East Point, Georgia, and became the youngest member of the  
9                   Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, The Atlanta Student  
10                  Movement, at the age of 16 while at the same time volunteering  
11                  for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; and

12                  WHEREAS, Bob Mants came to Alabama to help plan and  
13                  organize the Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965, and was in the  
14                  front ranks of marchers on Bloody Sunday as they crossed the  
15                  Edmund Pettus Bridge; and

16                  WHEREAS, after the Selma-to-Montgomery March, Mr.  
17                  Mants moved to Lowndes County, Alabama, where he helped Black  
18                  people register to vote and create an independent Black  
19                  political party known as the Lowndes County Freedom  
20                  Organization, which adopted a black panther as its logo; and

21                  WHEREAS, Mr. Mants led the way in creating a  
22                  temporary "Tent City" for Black people who, in a blatant act  
23                  of racial discrimination, were evicted from their homes in  
24                  retaliation for registering to vote; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Mants remained in Lowndes County where  
2 he served as a Lowndes County Commissioner and President of  
3 the Lowndes County Friends of Civil Rights Movement Trail  
4 prior to his death on December 7, 2011; now therefore,

5                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we declare that the portion of  
7 Alabama Highway 8 (U.S. Highway 80) located in Lowndes County,  
8 from mile marker 99.558 to mile marker 120.591, be named the  
9 Robert "Bob" Mants, Jr. Memorial Highway.

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 18-MAR-21.

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