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8 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 219 IN  
9 HONOR OF JIMMIE LEE LOTT, SENIOR.

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11 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2021, Mr. Jimmie Lee Lott, Sr.  
12 shuffled off his mortal coil and rejoined his Maker in peace  
13 after 102 years of faithfully spreading the Lord's message on  
14 this Earth; and

15 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lott was born on April 14, 1918, in  
16 Carrollton, Mississippi, to Essix and Fannie Lott; Mr. Lott  
17 joined the Brown Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
18 in 1932 at the age of 14; thus began a lifelong crusade of  
19 service to the Lord, one that would continue until Mr. Lott's  
20 final days; even into his 90s, Mr. Lott, as deacon of Mt.  
21 Sinai Church in Centreville, Alabama, would drive elder  
22 members of the congregation to doctor appointments; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lott also served his fellow man by  
24 serving his nation; after being drafted into the United States  
25 Army on August 4, 1941, he served in World War II, the Korean  
26 War, and the Vietnam Conflict; Mr. Lott was highly decorated  
27 during his service as a soldier, another illustration of his

1 full commitment toward anything and everything he felt called  
2 to do; and

3                   WHEREAS, although he retired from service on August  
4 31, 1970, Mr. Lott felt that his duty to his fellow soldiers  
5 was never complete; he was a staple at Veterans Day ceremonies  
6 around his county, as he believed it a privilege to honor his  
7 fellow soldiers; Mr. Lott was renowned for never forgetting a  
8 name, including all the veterans in his community, whether he  
9 served with them or not; and

10                  WHEREAS, Mr. Lott's most enduring legacy is perhaps  
11 the way in which he loved and appreciated everyone he knew;  
12 despite having grown up in the segregated South, Mr. Lott was  
13 famous around Centreville and Bibb County as a mentor for  
14 young children of all ages, creeds, and colors; he worked for  
15 the Bibb County Commission for many years, a role that enabled  
16 and allowed him to serve others in yet another capacity; he  
17 was admired by everyone he met, and served as an inspiration  
18 to all; and

19                  WHEREAS, Mr. Lott was preceded in death by his  
20 parents, his wife, Emma Lou, and two sons; he is survived by  
21 three sons, Charles, Arthur, and Afrid; Charles followed his  
22 father's footsteps in the Army, while Arthur and Afrid both  
23 served as Marines, a demonstration of how Mr. Lott instilled a  
24 passion for service in his family; and

25                  WHEREAS, Jimmie Lott's life may best be described as  
26 one of service; he spent his entire life pursuing higher  
27 callings, whether they came from God or from his fellow man;

1           it is a true servant's heart that we honor here today; now  
2           therefore,

3                           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4                           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of Alabama Highway  
5                           219 running from Highway 82 to Highway 5 is hereby designated  
6                           as the "Jimmie Lee Lott, Sr. Memorial Highway" so that all who  
7                           travel that road may be reminded of the exemplary legacy of  
8                           service and upright character left by Mr. Jimmie Lee Lott, Sr.

9                           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of  
10                           Transportation erect the appropriate signage to reflect this  
11                           designation.

12                           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
13                           resolution be delivered to the family of Jimmie Lee Lott, Sr.  
14                           as a token of our respect for Mr. Jimmie and our appreciation  
15                           for the life he lived.