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3 By Senator Beasley
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DESIGNATING THE MAJOR GENERAL ELDON BARGEWELL
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019, the City of Eufaula, Alabama, tragically lost one of its proudest sons, longtime resident Major General Eldon Bargewell; and

WHEREAS, born in Hoquiam, Washington, General Bargewell joined the United States Army immediately following his senior year of high school in 1967; after graduating from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1968, General Bargewell was accepted into the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam - Studies and Observations Group, an elite special forces group that operated in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, General Bargewell's career spanned through Operation Desert Storm, where he commanded a Delta Force Squadron, and into the War on Terror, where he served as director of the center of operations, plans, and policies of the United States Special Operations Command and as Director of Strategic Operations at Multinational Force Iraq; and

1 WHEREAS, General Bargewell earned numerous other
2 awards and honors during his long tenure of service, including
3 the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's
4 second-highest medal for valor; six Bronze Stars, three of
5 which with Valor; four Purple Hearts; and induction into the
6 Army Rangers Hall of Fame; furthermore, General Bargewell was
7 the 2010 recipient of the Bull Simons Award, given by U.S.
8 Special Operations Command to the person who exemplifies the
9 esprit, values, and skills of a true special operations
10 warrior; at the time of his retirement, General Bargewell was
11 the most-decorated active duty soldier in the United States
12 armed forces; and

13 WHEREAS, this body finds it necessary and proper to
14 designate a memorial highway in honor of this great warrior
15 and friend, the gallant and venerated Major General Eldon
16 Bargewell, as recognition of his accomplishments and
17 sacrifices; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of United States
20 Highway 431 North from Lake Drive to Gammage Road be
21 designated as the "Major General Eldon Bargewell Memorial
22 Highway" in honor of this true American hero.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
24 Transportation is requested to coordinate with the local
25 governing officials on fabricating and erecting appropriate
26 signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements and
27 laws, to establish a lasting memorial to the unparalleled

1 life, accomplishments, and service of one of Alabama's
2 greatest residents.