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3 By Senator Beasley
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4 ENROLLED, SJR14,

5 DESIGNATING THE MAJOR GENERAL ELDON BARGEWELL
6 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, General Bargewell earned numerous other
25 awards and honors during his long tenure of service, including

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

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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