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By Representative Ledbetter

RFD: RULES

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HJR___ NAMING A PORTION OF ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 117 IN DEKALB COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE CHIEF BUDDY R. CRABTREE MEMORIAL MILE.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this body honors the memory of Chief Buddy R. Crabtree by requesting the Department of Transportation designate the portion of Alabama State Highway Route 117 between mile markers 20 and 21 in DeKalb County, Alabama, as the Chief Buddy R. Crabtree Memorial Mile; and

WHEREAS, Chief Crabtree was a dedicated officer who knew he wanted to serve in law enforcement by the age of 18; he served as Chief of Police in Bridgeport, Alabama, before serving as Chief of Police for the City of Ider, Alabama, for more than 9 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Crabtree was beloved by the community he served; he was an integral part of the town; he was instrumental in mentoring other officers and lending a hand in the community; he particularly cared for the children in the community, visiting schools and giving high-fives to the kids; and

WHEREAS, Chief Crabtree passed on October 30, 2021; he is survived by his wife, Kristie Crabtree; his four children; and eight grandchildren; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Chief Buddy R. Crabtree, who served his community faithfully and was beloved in return, the Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with local governing officials to consider designating the portion of Alabama State Highway Route 117 between mile markers 20 and 21 in DeKalb County, Alabama, as the Chief Buddy R. Crabtree Memorial Mile and to erect appropriate signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements and laws, in recognition of this designation.