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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ NAMING PORTIONS OF ALABAMA STATE ROUTES 5, 69, 195,  
5 AND 257, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY, IN WALKER COUNTY,  
6 ALABAMA, AS THE SMITH LAKE PARKWAY.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with due consideration for the role  
9 that Smith Lake plays in the tourism-related economy of  
10 Walker County and North Alabama that this body requests that  
11 the Department of Transportation designate a route to be  
12 named Smith Lake Parkway beginning at Exit 65 on Interstate  
13 22, Industrial Parkway, to the intersection with SR5/SR69  
14 West to the intersection with SR195 North to the  
15 intersection with SR257 North, ending at the county line  
16 between Walker and Winston Counties where the Arley - Smith  
17 Lake Parkway begins; and

18 WHEREAS, Smith Lake is a popular destination in the  
19 region and providing signage for the Smith Lake Parkway to  
20 interstate drivers is an opportunity to showcase the  
21 destination to potential visitors; prominent signage at  
22 intersections throughout the route will guide visitors along  
23 the parkway to their recreation destination; and

24 WHEREAS, tourism plays a significant role in the  
25 economy of Walker County with attractions such as Smith Lake  
26 drawing visitors for boating, fishing, and other outdoor  
27 recreational activities; the natural beauty and recreational  
28 opportunities offered by Smith Lake contribute to the area's



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29 appeal to tourists and residents alike, bolstering the local  
30 economy through tourism-related businesses and services  
31 offered along the parkway; now therefore,

32 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
33 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That for due consideration for  
34 the role that Smith Lake plays in the tourism-related  
35 economy of Walker County, the Department of Transportation  
36 is encouraged to coordinate with local governing officials  
37 to consider naming the Smith Lake Parkway, a route that will  
38 run from Interstate 22 to the border of Walker and Winston  
39 Counties, and to erect several appropriate signs or markers  
40 along the route, with consideration to fiscal  
41 responsibility, consistent with applicable requirements and  
42 laws, in recognition of this designation.