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3 By Representative Chestnut  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 05-APR-22

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8 NAMING A PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 8 (U.S. HIGHWAY  
9 80) FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS  
10 HIGHWAY.  
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12 WHEREAS, Congressman John R. Lewis was born the son  
13 of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy,  
14 Alabama, where he grew up on his family's farm and attended  
15 segregated schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Congressman John R. Lewis organized sit-in  
17 demonstrations, was one of the 13 original Freedom Riders and  
18 participated in many Freedom Rides, served as Chairman of the  
19 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and led over  
20 600 peaceful protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in  
21 Selma, Alabama, where he was brutally attacked by Alabama  
22 State Troopers on March 7, 1965, Bloody Sunday; and

23 WHEREAS, Congressman John R. Lewis was elected to  
24 Congress in November 1986 and served Georgia's Fifth  
25 Congressional District until his death on July 17, 2020; now  
26 therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we declare that a portion of  
3           Alabama Highway 8 (U.S. Highway 80), from mile marker 85.191  
4           to mile marker 120.591, be named the John R. Lewis Voting  
5           Rights Highway.

6                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate  
7           officials be requested to place and maintain signs or markers  
8           as provided in this resolution.