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3 By Representatives Wren, Mask and Beckman  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY 143 BETWEEN  
9 MILE MARKERS 5 AND 6 IN MILLBROOK, ALABAMA, IN MEMORY OF  
10 OFFICER JAMES FEZATTE.

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12 WHEREAS, Officer James Fezatte was a City of  
13 Millbrook Police Department Officer; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Fezatte served his country for over  
15 20 years as a member of the United States Air Force and fought  
16 in the Gulf War; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 28, 2008, Officer Fezatte was  
18 killed in a vehicle crash after responding to a civil  
19 disturbance call at approximately 2250 hours; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Fezatte was survived by his wife,  
21 Cyndi Fezatte, and his two sons, Austin and Travis Fezatte;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the Legislature  
24 memorialize the portion of Alabama Highway 143 between Mile  
25 Markers 5 and 6 in Millbrook, Alabama, to honor Officer  
26 Fezatte; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of Alabama Highway  
3 143 between Mile Markers 5 and 6 in Millbrook, Alabama, is  
4 designated the "Officer James Fezatte Memorial Highway."

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in keeping with  
6 provisions of Sections 23-1-8 and 23-1-8.1 of the Code of  
7 Alabama 1975, the Alabama Department of Transportation is  
8 hereby requested to erect appropriate signage, to be paid for  
9 fully with private funds provided by the Fezatte Family, as  
10 specified in Section 23-1-8.1. Such signage should be erected  
11 along the portion of Alabama Highway 143 between Mile Markers  
12 5 and 6 in Millbrook, Alabama. Such signage should incorporate  
13 the Great Seal of the State of Alabama. If possible, such  
14 signage should also incorporate the official emblem of the  
15 United States Air Force and the official emblem of the  
16 Millbrook Police Department, provided all rights to  
17 incorporate such aforementioned military emblems are granted  
18 by the United States Air Force, or other such grantee of the  
19 United States Department of Defense and the Millbrook Police  
20 Department.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if possible, the  
22 signage should be designed and laid out in emblems and words  
23 as follows:

24 (Great Seal of the State of Alabama)

25  
26 Officer James Fezatte Memorial Highway

1 (U.S. Air Force Emblem) (Millbrook Police Department  
2 Emblem)

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such memorial  
4 designation shall in no way alter or conflict with the common  
5 designation "Alabama Highway 143 between Mile Markers 5 and  
6 6," and shall not affect in any way postal or address  
7 designations along that portion of Alabama Highway 143 between  
8 Mile Markers 5 and 6 to be so memorialized.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
10 resolution be presented to the wife, children, mother, and  
11 brothers and sisters of Officer James Fezatte, as named above  
12 so that they may know of the esteem in which we hold their  
13 fallen husband and father, and the service he made to his  
14 country, his state, and the City of Millbrook.