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3 By Senators Beasley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Butler,
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 06-APR-22

NAMING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 82 IN BULLOCK COUNTY IN
HONOR OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOE HAROLD ADAMS.

WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Joe Harold Adams was
born in Midway, Alabama, to George Harold Adams and Cora Elma
Epperson Adams; he was the oldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams graduated from
high school in 1956, then entered Alabama Polytechnic
Institute, now Auburn University, where he was initiated into
Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity;

WHEREAS, after college, Chief Master Sergeant Adams
returned home to Union Springs and married Mary Claire Blue on
November 28, 1958, at Aberfoil Methodist Church; the couple
purchased a home and farmland, where they lived happily
together for almost 57 years; and

WHEREAS, he became a farmer as a young boy and never
retired, as evidenced by his service to numerous committees
and organizations dedicated to farming, including the Bullock
County Farmers Federation for 58 years, where he served on the
Board of Directors as co-chair for many years, the Peanut and

1 Horticulture Commission, the Board of Alabama Peanut Producers
2 Association and the Auburn University Horticulture Department
3 Advisory Commission for 28 years, the ALFA State Horticulture
4 Commission for 18 years, and the Alabama Pecan Association,
5 where he served as director, for six years; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams served in the
7 187th Fighter Wing of the Alabama Air National Guard and the
8 Air Force Reserves, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant after 42
9 years and 11 months of service; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams was the proud
11 father of Deborah Adams Griggs and Joe Harold Adams, Jr.;
12 grandfather to William Eugene Griggs III, Ashley Adams Powell,
13 Joe Harold Adams III, Andrew Daniel Griggs, and Emily Adams
14 Pruett; and great-grandfather to Sawyer Powell, Will Griggs,
15 Webb Griggs, Barrett Powell, Ansley Pruett, Baylee Blue
16 Griggs, and Landon Pruett; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams was a lifetime
18 member of the United Methodist Church, where he served on
19 numerous committees throughout his life; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams passed away on
21 September 18, 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams dedicated his
23 life to service to his country and the State of Alabama, and
24 his unwavering commitment to service, as well as his steadfast
25 dedication to Alabama land and farming is worthy of honor and
26 recognition by this body; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of Highway 82
3 between its intersection with State Highway 51 and the
4 corporate limits of the City of Union Springs in Bullock
5 County be named the Chief Master Sergeant Joe Harold Adams
6 Memorial Highway.

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