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3 By Senators Singleton and Sanders
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5 First Read: 14-JAN-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR26,

5 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF

6 MAYOR EDWARD DANIEL OF MARION, ALABAMA, BY DESIGNATING A

7 PORTION OF HIGHWAY 5 IN PERRY COUNTY THE EDWARD DANIEL

8 HIGHWAY.

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10 WHEREAS, Mayor Edward Daniel, former mayor of the

11 City of Marion, by petition, is heralded by city officials and

12 his fellow citizens for his contributions to the City of

13 Marion; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel has spent most of his life

15 serving the people of the City of Marion and Perry County; he

16 began a teaching career at Marion Baptist Academy in 1959; he

17 later coached at Lincoln High School, now Francis Marion High

18 School, continuing a coaching career to become head basketball

19 coach, and coach of football, basketball, and track and field;

20 eventually he was named Athletics Director of Francis Marion

21 High School in 1987; and

22 WHEREAS, after 35 years of teaching and coaching, in

23 1994, he retired from the Perry County School System and

24 during the same year, was inducted into the Alabama High

25 School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel began his political career in
2 the early 1970s, when upon the request of the late Mayor
3 Douglas Moore, he was appointed to the Marion Industrial
4 Development Board and The Marion Recreation Board; he served
5 as a youth supervisor in the City of Marion under the CETA
6 Summer Youth Employment Program, receiving recognition for his
7 leadership in 1982 from Governor Fob James as he was named the
8 state's "Outstanding Worksite Supervisor" for youth employment
9 programs; and

10 WHEREAS, he continued his political career by
11 becoming Marion's first African American elected official,
12 serving on the Marion City Council, and then in 1992, Mayor
13 Daniel's political career was solidified as he was elected the
14 first African American Mayor of Marion, serving 3 terms in
15 office; and

16 WHEREAS, his 20 years of service to the City of
17 Marion as an elected official brought about numerous grants to
18 the city, including a grant to renovate the Old Depot which
19 now houses the Perry County Chamber of Commerce; his other
20 grant projects included water system improvement and
21 construction of The Georgia Walker Walking Trail; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel continues a life of service on
23 the Board of Deacons at Trinity Baptist Church, as Sunday
24 School teacher for young men, as the Vice-Chairman of Perry
25 County's "Sowing Seeds of Hope" organization, as a member of

1 the Perry County Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the
2 Perry County Rural Development Committee; his past
3 affiliations include The Alabama League of Municipalities
4 Executive Committee, The National Conference of Mayors,
5 serving on the Board, The Alabama Conference of Black Mayors,
6 serving as president, and The World Conference of Mayors, also
7 serving as president; and

8 WHEREAS, because of Mayor Edward Daniel's many years
9 of service, leadership, and dedication to the City of Marion
10 and Perry County, we desire to permanently and officially
11 honor his contributions; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That a 4.5 mile portion of Alabama
14 Highway 5, between the northern and southern city limits of
15 Marion, is hereby designated the "Edward Daniel Highway."

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
17 resolution be provided to Mayor Edward Daniel as an expression
18 of our appreciation for his service.

19 RESOLVED FURTHER, That we hereby request the
20 appropriate officials to install and maintain signs indicating
21 the Edward Daniel Highway.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 19-JAN-10

By: Senator Singleton