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3 By Senators Dial, Ward, Whatley, Singleton and Holley
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 03-MAR-16

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8 NAMING THAT PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN
9 JEFFERSON COUNTY FROM MILE MARKER 123 TO MILE MARKER 130, THE
10 SENATOR RODGER M. SMITHERMAN FREEWAY.

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12 WHEREAS, Senator Rodger Smitherman is currently
13 serving his sixth term in the Alabama Senate; he was elected
14 and served as President Pro Tempore of the Senate from
15 February 5, 2009, through November 2, 2010, and currently
16 serves as Minority Whip and Chair of the Alabama Legislative
17 Black Caucus; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Smitherman graduated from the
19 University of Montevallo and Miles Law School; he is married
20 to Judge Carole Smitherman and they are the parents of five
21 children: Rodger II, Tonya Renee, Mary Elaine, Roderick
22 (deceased), and Crystal Nicole; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Smitherman is a practicing attorney
24 and is of counsel with Waldrop, Stewart and Kindred Law Firm,
25 a Democrat, and an Elder at More Than Conquerors Faith Church;
26 he was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Trustees at

1 the University of Montevallo and the Alabama Sports Hall of
2 Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Smitherman has served on numerous
4 Senate committees including: Confirmations; Constitution,
5 Ethics and Elections; Finance and Taxation Education; Fiscal
6 Responsibility and Economic Development; Judiciary; Local
7 Legislation Jefferson County; Rules; and Tourism and
8 Marketing; he is also a board member of the national Black
9 Caucus of State Legislators and has served on the Metro YMCA
10 Board of Directors and the executive committees of the
11 Southern Legislative Conference and the National Energy
12 Council; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Smitherman is a tireless advocate
14 for education and programs for youth and senior citizens; it
15 is appropriate and desirable to honor him for his dedicated
16 service to the citizens of Alabama; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor of Senator Rodger M.
19 Smitherman, we declare that portion of Interstate Highway 20
20 in Jefferson County from Mile Marker 123 to Mile Marker 130,
21 be named the "Senator Rodger M. Smitherman Freeway."

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