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3 By Senators Irons and Bedford
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4 ENROLLED, SJR92,

5 DESIGNATING THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. EDWARD "ED"
6 YEILDING PARKWAY.

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8 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel R. Edward "Ed" Yeilding
9 United States Air Force (retired) is a resident of Florence,
10 Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Coffee High School and
12 Auburn University where he was an ROTC student majoring in
13 electrical engineering and on graduation entered the U.S. Air
14 Force as a second lieutenant; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Yeilding, on March 6,
16 1990, piloted his way into history, making the fastest
17 cross-continental flight ever in the famed SR-71 Blackbird
18 when he completed the flight in 67 minutes, 54 seconds; and

19 WHEREAS, the reconnaissance information provided by
20 the SR-71 and just the fact that the United States owned such
21 an aircraft were invaluable tools throughout the Cold War; and

22 WHEREAS, the Blackbird was so important that
23 Congressional officials decided when retirement came, the
24 airplane would do so in style and they turned to Yeilding to
25 occupy the pilot seat for the mission; and

1 WHEREAS, at the end of the trip, he was greeted by
2 his parents, William E. and Carolyn Yeilding and his sister
3 and brother on the tarmac; and

4 WHEREAS, he has flown more than 90 worldwide
5 operational reconnaissance missions, has more than 3,500
6 flying hours, and his military decorations include the
7 Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf
8 Clusters, Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, and
9 the Combat Readiness Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters; now
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of Ed
13 Yeilding's distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, we
14 hereby designate the portion of Cox Creek Parkway and Alabama
15 Highway 133 in the Florence area from near the north end of
16 Wilson Dam northward on Cox Creek Parkway to the intersection
17 of Cox Creek Parkway and Huntsville Road at milepost 9.797 as
18 the "Lieutenant Colonel R. Edward "Ed" Yeilding Parkway."

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in keeping with
20 provisions of Sections 23-1-8 and 23-1-8.1 of the Code of
21 Alabama 1975, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
22 hereby requested to erect appropriate signage, to be paid for
23 fully with private funds provided by the Yeilding Family or
24 their friends as specified in Section 23-1-8.1. Such signage
25 should be erected along the described route. Such signage

1 should incorporate the Great Seal of the State of Alabama. If
2 possible, such signage should also incorporate the official
3 emblem of the United States Air Force provided all rights to
4 incorporate such aforementioned military emblem are granted by
5 the United States Air Force, or other such grantee of the
6 United States Department of Defense.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if possible, the
8 signage should be designed and laid out in emblems and words
9 as follows:

10 Great Seal of the State of Alabama

11 "Lieutenant Colonel R. Edward "Ed" Yeilding Parkway"

12 U.S. Air Force Emblem

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such memorial
14 designation shall in no way alter or conflict with the common
15 designation "Cox Creek Parkway and Alabama Highway 133," and
16 shall not affect in any way postal or address designations
17 along the designated memorial route.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
19 resolution be presented to Lieutenant Colonel R. Edward "Ed"
20 Yeilding so that he may know of the esteem in which we hold
21 him and the service he made to his country and his state.

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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.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Irons