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SJR\_\_\_ 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; and

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 Horticulture Commission, the Board of Alabama Peanut Producers Association, the Auburn University Horticulture Department Advisory Commission for 28 years, the ALFA State Horticulture Commission for 18 years, and the



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29 Alabama Pecan Association, where he served as director, for  
30 six years; and

31 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams served in the  
32 187th Fighter Wing of the Alabama Air National Guard and the  
33 Air Force Reserves, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant after  
34 42 years and 11 months of service; and

35 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams was the proud  
36 father of Deborah Adams Griggs and Joe Harold Adams, Jr.;  
37 grandfather to William Eugene Griggs III, Ashley Adams  
38 Powell, Joe Harold Adams III, Andrew Daniel Griggs, and  
39 Emily Adams Pruett; and great-grandfather to Sawyer Powell,  
40 Will Griggs, Webb Griggs, Barrett Powell, Ansley Pruett,  
41 Baylee Blue Griggs, and Landon Pruett; and

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

45 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams passed away on  
46 September 18, 2015; and

47 WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Adams dedicated his  
48 life to service to his country and the State of Alabama, and  
49 his unwavering commitment to service, as well as his  
50 steadfast dedication to Alabama land and farming is worthy  
51 of honor and recognition by this body; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
53 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Department of  
54 Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with local  
55 governing officials to consider designating the portion of  
56 Highway 82 between its intersection with State Highway 51



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57 and the corporate limits of the City of Union Springs in  
58 Bullock County as the Chief Master Sergeant Joe Harold Adams  
59 Memorial Highway.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate  
61 officials are urged to place and maintain signs or markers  
62 as provided in this resolution.