

**SJR71 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senators Melson, Butler, Orr, Waggoner  
4 RFD: RULES  
5 First Read: 25-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ NAMING THE PORTION OF ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 127  
5 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND THE TOWN OF ELKMONT IN  
6 LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY CARTER  
7 HIGHWAY.

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9 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this  
10 body honors the exemplary service and contributions of  
11 former Representative Tommy Carter by requesting the  
12 Department of Transportation designate the portion of  
13 Alabama State Highway Route 127 between the City of Athens  
14 and the Town of Elkmont in Limestone County, Alabama, as the  
15 Representative Tommy Carter Highway; and

16 WHEREAS, Tommy Carter is a native of Limestone County  
17 and a well-known and much-appreciated supporter of the  
18 county and its municipalities of Elkmont and Athens; the  
19 respect he earned from his community is evident by the  
20 community awards he has received, including the  
21 Athens-Limestone Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year  
22 Award and the Conservationist of the Year Award; and

23 WHEREAS, as a high school student at both Clements  
24 High School and Athens High School, he was a star athlete;  
25 in his senior year, he lettered in basketball, baseball,  
26 football, and track; he was the first Athens High School  
27 Student to sign a football scholarship with Auburn  
28 University and played two season for the Tigers; he



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29 transferred to Athens College, now Athens State University,  
30 to play basketball and was a two-year starter for the Bears;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Tommy Carter served on the Limestone County  
33 Board of Education from 1964 to 1970; he ran for the Alabama  
34 Legislature's House of Representatives seat representing the  
35 fifth district and won that election and every election from  
36 1970 until his last term when he retired after 36 years; and

37 WHEREAS, Representative Carter was a great asset to  
38 Limestone County during his tenure in office; he was  
39 instrumental in keeping the doors of Athens State University  
40 open during late-night budget committee meetings; he was  
41 elected by his peers to numerous leadership positions,  
42 including serving as Chairman of the House Rules Committee  
43 for more than 12 years, and serving on the Education Finance  
44 and Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture and  
45 Forestry Committee; and

46 WHEREAS, Representative Carter continued to serve in  
47 his community after his retirement serving on the Board of  
48 Directors for Community Bank and the Athens State University  
49 Foundation Board; he is a former Scout Master and member of  
50 the Alabama National Guard; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor the many years of  
53 public service of Representative Tommy Carter, the  
54 Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate  
55 with local governing officials to consider designating the  
56 portion of Alabama State Highway Route 127 between the Town



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57 of Elkmont and the City of Athens in Limestone County,  
58 Alabama, as the Representative Tommy Carter Highway and to  
59 erect appropriate signs or markers, consistent with  
60 applicable requirements and laws, in recognition of this  
61 designation.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 02-May-24

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By: Senator Melson