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SJR___ NAMING THE PORTION OF ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 127 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATHENS AND THE TOWN OF ELKMONT IN LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY CARTER HIGHWAY.

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

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

WHEREAS, as a high school student at both Clements High School and Athens High School, he was a star athlete; in his senior year, he lettered in basketball, baseball, football, and track; he was the first Athens High School Student to sign a football scholarship with Auburn 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.