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2 145238-2
3 By Representative Wood
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 05-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 431
4 IN CALHOUN COUNTY FROM MILE MARKER 238 TO MILE MARKER 243 AS
5 THE MAJOR JOHN PELHAM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.
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7 WHEREAS, with highest tribute and deepest
8 appreciation, the service of the late John Pelham who lost his
9 life in the Civil War is herein recognized and honored; and

10 WHEREAS, his assignments included: lieutenant, Wise
11 (Va.) Artillery (early 1861); captain, Stuart Horse Artillery
12 (March 23, 1862); major, Artillery (August 9, 1862);
13 lieutenant colonel, Artillery (April 4, 1863, to rank from
14 March 2); and commanding Horse Artillery Battalion, Cavalry
15 Division, Army of Northern Virginia (August 1862-March 17,
16 1863); and

17 WHEREAS, after fighting at the First Battle of Bull
18 Run, he became the captain of the first horse artillery
19 battery that served with General JEB Stuart, becoming close
20 friends with the general; and

21 WHEREAS, commanding his unit, he saw action at
22 Yorktown and during the Seven Days battle and after a
23 promotion he commanded all of Stuart's horse batteries at 2nd
24 Bull Run and Antietam; at Fredericksburg he held up the
25 advance of a Union division against the Confederate right with

1 only two guns; with only one gun left, he continued to shift
2 positions despite the fact that 24 enemy guns were now
3 concentrating their fire on him; disobeying repeated orders to
4 withdraw, he only did so upon running out of ammunition;
5 General Lee observed and said, "It is glorious to see such
6 courage in one so young!"; and

7 WHEREAS, known as the "Boy Major," he heard of an
8 impending action at Kelly's Ford on March 17, 1863; away from
9 his battalion at the time, he joined the fray with the
10 cavalry; he fell victim to a shell fragment while directing a
11 column; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the portion of United States
14 Highway 431 in Calhoun County from mile marker 238 to mile
15 marker 243 is designated as the Major John Pelham Memorial
16 Highway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if possible, the
18 signage should be designed and laid out in emblems and words
19 as follows:

20 Great Seal of the State of Alabama
21 Major John Pelham Memorial Highway

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such memorial
23 designation shall in no way alter or conflict with the common
24 designation United States Highway 431 in Calhoun County from
25 mile marker 238 to mile marker 243 and shall not affect in any

1 way postal or address designations along that portion of the
2 highway to be so memorialized.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 14-FEB-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 18-APR-13

Adopted