**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH CROWFIELD ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY S‑27‑29 “THOMAS E. MILLER BOULEVARD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “THOMAS E. MILLER BOULEVARD”.

Whereas, the Honorable Thomas Ezekiel Miller was born of free African American parents on June 17, 1849 in Ferebeeville, formerly in Beaufort County, a community south of the Town of Ridgeland; and

Whereas, he died on April 8, 1938, and is buried in Brotherhood Cemetery in Charleston County; and

Whereas, Mr. Miller attended schools for free African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, and Hudson, New York. After graduating from Lincoln University in Chester, Pennsylvania, he studied law at the University of South Carolina and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1875; and

Whereas, a true public servant, he served as a Beaufort School Commissioner (1872), member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (1874 to 1880 and 1894 to 1896), a member of the South Carolina Senate (1880 to 1884), and a member of the United States House of Representatives (1888 to 1890); and

Whereas, he is credited with founding South Carolina State University and served as its first president from 1896 to 1911; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize the extraordinary achievements of this son of South Carolina by naming a portion of United States Highway 17 in Jasper County in his honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of United States Highway 17 in Jasper County from its intersection with Crowfield Road to its intersection with Highway S‑27‑29 “Thomas E. Miller Boulevard” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Thomas E. Miller Boulevard”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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