**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 125 UNDER STATE JURISDICTION FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 3 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S SAVANNAH RIVER SITE’S BOUNDARY NEAR THE TOWN OF JACKSON IN AIKEN COUNTY THE “COACH AARON MANIGAULT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “COACH AARON MANIGAULT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”.

Whereas, Mr. Aaron Maurice Manigault was born in Bamberg County on May 2, 1972, the son of Ms. Eva O. Manigault; and

Whereas, he was jointly reared by his mother and grandparents, the late Mr. James “Vandy” Manigault and the late Mrs. Cornell Holmes Manigault; and

Whereas, Mr. Manigault was a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Edisto Lodge No. 39 Masonic Temple; and

Whereas, Mr. Manigault was a graduate of South Carolina State University, where he excelled as a fullback under legendary Bulldogs’ Head Football Coach Willie Jefferies, earned the nickname “Madd Manee”, and was a key contributor in the Bulldogs’ 1994 Heritage Bowl victory over the Grambling State University Tigers; and

Whereas, upon graduation, he became a mathematics instructor and football coach who made a profound impact on the students at Elloree, Denmark‑Olar, and Allendale‑Fairfax High Schools; and

Whereas, as a testimonial to his commitment to helping guide the young people he coached, on December 9, 2007, Allendale‑Fairfax High School Assistant Head Football Coach Manigault, along with Head Football Coach Wayne Farmer, served as Grand Marshalls for the Town of Allendale’s Christmas Parade. Shortly after the parade, Coach Manigault lost his life in a tragic automobile accident; and

Whereas, Mr. Manigault a resident of North Augusta in Aiken County, South Carolina, was employed at the Savannah River Site and was a determined entrepreneur; and

Whereas, Mr. Manigault leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Anita Rice Manigault, daughters, Allaisha and Precious, along with many other family members and friends; and

Whereas, as a lasting tribute to the many accomplishments of this son of South Carolina, it is fitting and proper for the members of the General Assembly to honor him by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 125 in his memory. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request the Department of Transportation to name the portion of South Carolina Highway 125 under state jurisdiction from its intersection with South Carolina Highway 3 in Allendale County to its intersection with United States Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site’s boundary near the Town of Jackson in Aiken County the “Coach Aaron Manigault Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Coach Aaron Manigault Memorial Highway”.

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

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