COMMITTEE REPORT

February 5, 2019

**H. 3563**

Introduced by Reps. Murphy, Bennett, Chellis, Jefferson, Kimmons, Mack and Pendarvis

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 3563) to request the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the junction of Orangeburg Road (S‑18‑22) and Dorchester Road (South Carolina highway 642), etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ORANGEBURG ROAD (S‑18‑22) AND DORCHESTER ROAD (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 642) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY “BENJAMIN JAMES SINGLETON, SR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Whereas, Benjamin James Singleton, Sr., was born December 17, 1943, in Summerville, South Carolina, son of the late Catherine Elizabeth Fludd Singleton and Clement Addison Singleton, Sr. Affectionately known as “Ben” or “Benji”, he was educated in the Dorchester County public school system and became a lifelong member of Canaan United Methodist Church in Givhans, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Singleton completed his formal training at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy in 1971 and went on to enjoy a rewarding career in law enforcement. He served his community as a deputy for the Dorchester County Sheriff’s Department and later served as police chief for the Town of Ridgeville. He retired in 1995 with the rank of captain, then went on to serve as director for the Dorchester County Detention Center. With more than forty‑six years of law enforcement service, Mr. Singleton celebrated his second retirement in 2006. However, his unwavering dedication to law enforcement called him back into service, this time with the public defender’s office; and

Whereas, in 1987, Mr. Singleton was elected the twenty‑fifth president of the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association. Two years later he was instrumental in amending the bylaws that placed school crossing guards back into the organization. For eight years Mr. Singleton served on the National Black Policemen Association’s Executive Board where his leadership skills and influence extended through the Southeast; and

Whereas, in addition to law enforcement, Mr. Singleton was the owner of Knightsville Dry Cleaners, Club “Many Faces”, BJ’s Coin Laundry, and B & H Banquet Hall. He was a member of New Eden Lodge 329 and for years he gave back to his neighboring communities that included Ridgeville, St. George, Givhans, and Summerville by sponsoring a senior dinner to celebrate the wisdom and contributions of the elder citizens; and

Whereas, Mr. Singleton enjoyed traveling, sports, and spending cherished time with his family that included his wife, Helen, children, Tommy Funny, Dr. Sharon Simmons, Benjamin Singleton, Jr., who predeceased him, stepson Larry Wright, and his beloved grandchildren. Determined to make a positive impact on those he encountered, he worked diligently to help improve the lives of those he touched throughout his storied career. Mr. Singleton departed this life on November 25, 2017, and will be remembered for his keen sense of humor and pride in his community; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that members of the General Assembly honor Benjamin James Singleton, Sr., for his tireless dedication and contributions to law enforcement and his community by naming a highway intersection in his memory. Now, therefore,

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

That members of the General Assembly request the Department of Transportation name the intersection located at the junction of Orangeburg Road (S‑18‑22) and Dorchester Road (South Carolina Highway 642) in Dorchester County “Benjamin James Singleton, Sr. Memorial Intersection” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this intersection containing this designation.

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

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