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Committee Report

March 1, 2023

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The committee on House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

To who was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 495) to request that the Department of Transportation name S-81 (Sycamore Avenue) from S-6 (Magnolia Road) to S-522 (5th Avenue) in Charleston County “Annette and James, etc., respectfully

Report:

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

DENNIS MOSS for Committee.

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A concurrent RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME S-81 (Sycamore Avenue) from S-6 (Magnolia Road) to S-522 (5th Avenue) IN Charleston COUNTY “Annette and james smalls road” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Whereas, James A. Smalls and Annette B. Smalls of Charleston passed away on March 27, 2021, and Monday, December 12, 2022, respectively; and

Whereas, a native of Hendersonville in Colleton County, Mrs. Smalls was born to parents Robert Tillman Brown and Clara Graham Brown. A native of Dorchester County, Mr. Smalls was born to parents Minus Smalls, Sr. and Anna Goodwine Smalls; and

Whereas, Mrs. Smalls earned her Associate Degree in Electronics Technology at Nielsen Electronics Institute. She was employed at the Medical University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Smalls was employed by Livingston’s Auto Parts until his retirement; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Mrs. Smalls was the founder of Making a Difference, a nonprofit organization. Her work through the organization included distributing food, throwing an annual community block party, partnering with the Lowcountry Juneteenth Weed, supporting the Gullah Geechee Angel Network, and supporting the Maryville/Ashleyville Neighborhood Association; and

Whereas, over the years, Mrs. Smalls received a number of honors and awards, including the 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Portrait Award for emulating the spirit of community service portrayed by Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

Whereas, Mr. Smalls’ favorite pastimes were traveling, maintaining his rental properties, working on cars, and enjoying time with his children and grandchildren. He was widely beloved and respected and was affectionately called “The Mayor of Ashleyville”; and

Whereas, in her free time, Mrs. Smalls enjoyed traveling, sewing, making arts and crafts, finding a good bargain at a yard sale, and public speaking; and

Whereas, devout Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Smalls were members of Harvest Pointe Church. They dedicated their time to serving God and loving one another and the rest of their family; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Smalls were married for fifty‑eight years, setting an example of devotion and love; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Smalls leave to cherish their memory their sons, James Arthur (Cathy) Smalls, Jr. and Cedric (Tonya) Smalls; daughters Angelina Frazier and Antionette Allen; many grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, and great‑great‑grandchildren; and many other family members and dear friends. They will be greatly missed; and

Whereas, it would be only fitting and proper to pay tribute to this son and daughter of South Carolina by naming a portion of road in the State in their honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name S‑81 (Sycamore Avenue) from S‑6 (Magnolia Road) to S‑522 (5th Avenue) in Charleston County “Annette and James Smalls Road” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing the designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and presented to the family of Annette and James Smalls.

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