**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 25 AND 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY “HOVIE LISTER INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “HOVIE LISTER INTERCHANGE”.

Whereas, Mr. Hovie Lister was born on September 17, 1926, in Greenville, South Carolina and died on December 28, 2001; and

Whereas, he and his wife, Ethel Abbott, were blessed with two children, Lisa and Hovie “Chip” Jr.; and

Whereas, he was a Southern gospel music pioneer who paved the way for contemporary Christian music. He founded the renowned Statesmen Quartet in 1948 and devoted more than fifty years of his life to gospel music as a pianist, vocalist, emcee, and music publisher; and

Whereas, an ordained Southern Baptist preacher, Mr. Lister pastured the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cobb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the Nashville, Tennessee based Gospel Music Association inducted him into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1984, and Hovie Lister and the Statesmen were inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1998. Mr. Lister also was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Southern Gospel Music Association’s Hall of Fame in 1997; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize this great son of South Carolina by naming a highway interchange in Greenville County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the interchange located at the intersection of United States Highways 25 and 276 in Greenville County the “Hovie Lister Interchange” and erect appropriate markers or signs at the intersection that contain the words “Hovie Lister Interchange”.

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

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