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- 2 By Senator Williams
- 3 RFD: RULES
- 4 First Read: 21-Mar-23

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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 3 SJR DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 4 5 158 THAT SPANS LOTT ROAD IN MOBILE COUNTY AS THE MELVIN E. 6 PIERCE MEMORIAL BRIDGE. 7 8 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this 9 body renames the Alabama State Highway Route 158 bridge that 10 spans Lott Road in Mobile County, Alabama, as the Melvin E. Pierce Memorial Bridge; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Melvin E. Pierce was a lifelong resident of 13 Semmes, Alabama; he owned and operated his businesses there, starting with Melvin Pierce Painting in 1972, which became 14 15 one of the largest paint companies in the South; he grew his brand to include Melvin Pierce Marine Coatings, Melvin 16 17 Pierce Sandblasting, Highway Maintenance, Inc., and Dothan, Inc. of Semmes; he was a member of several professional 18 19 organizations; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce was also very involved and 20 21 invested in his community; he was a founding member of 22 Friends of Semmes, whose efforts led to the incorporation of Semmes; he was a founding member of the Dixie Youth Baseball 23 24 Program in Semmes; as a volunteer and civic organizer, he 25 helped found the Christmas Parade, Azalea Festival, Easter 26 Egg Hunt, and a food pantry in Semmes; the children's area of the Semmes Public Library was named for him and his wife, 27

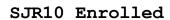
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- 29 books; he served on the Mobile Water and Sewer Board and the
- 30 board of the Abba Shrine Temple; and
- 31 WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce was frequently lauded for his
- 32 professional work and civic involvement; he received the
- 33 2003 Award of Gratitude from Semmes Community Park; the 2005
- 34 Woodmen of the World Outstanding Citizen Award; the 2007
- 35 Ronald McDonald Award; and in 2009 he was Grand Marshal of
- 36 the Semmes Christmas Parade; and
- 37 WHEREAS, Melvin E. Pierce left a lasting impact on
- 38 the community of Semmes as a local business owner and
- 39 community volunteer; he is truly deserving of every honor
- 40 bestowed on him; now therefore,
- 41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
- 42 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama State Highway
- 43 Route 158 bridge that spans Lott Road in Mobile County,
- 44 Alabama, is designated as the Melvin E. Pierce Memorial
- 45 Bridge.
- 46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
- 47 Transportation is requested to coordinate with the local
- 48 governing officials on fabricating and erecting appropriate
- 49 signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements
- and laws, in recognition of this designation.





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