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3 By Senators Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 03-MAR-21

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4 ENROLLED, SJR47,

5 NAMING THE BRIDGE ON BENT CREEK ROAD OVER INTERSTATE
6 85 IN LEE COUNTY, THE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CSM BENNIE G.
7 ADKINS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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9 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
10 name the bridge on Bent Creek Road over Interstate 85 in Lee
11 County in memory of Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a resident of Opelika, Alabama, command
14 Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins served more than 20 years in
15 the United States Army, over 13 of those years spent as a
16 Green Beret in the Seventh, Third, Sixth, and Fifth Special
17 Forces Groups; he deployed to Vietnam three times, with his
18 heroic efforts in one 1966 battle later recognized in 2014
19 with the awarding, by the President, of the nation's highest
20 and most prestigious military award, the Medal of Honor; and

21 WHEREAS, following retirement in 1978 at the rank of
22 Command Sergeant Major, and being highly decorated for his
23 service, he earned three degrees from Troy University and
24 operated an accounting firm in Auburn until the time of his

1 retirement, along the way touching countless lives in a
2 positive and enduring manner; and

3 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins is
4 a true American hero whose military service and contributions
5 to society leave his state and nation forever grateful; now
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the bridge on Bent Creek Road
9 over Interstate 85 in Lee County, be designated The Medal of
10 Honor Recipient CSM Bennie G. Adkins Memorial Bridge

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
12 Transportation is requested to coordinate with the local
13 governing officials on fabricating and erecting appropriate
14 signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements and
15 laws, to establish a lasting memorial to the unparalleled
16 life, accomplishments, and service of one of Alabama's
17 greatest citizens.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 11-MAR-21

By: Senator Whatley