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3 By Senators Figures, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Burkette, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
5 Elliott, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
7 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 21-MAY-19

REDESIGNATING THE COCHRANE-AFRICATOWN, U.S.A. BRIDGE
AS THE AFRICATOWN BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, The Cochrane-Africatown, U.S.A. Bridge over the Mobile River was completed and opened in 1991 as the first and only cable-stayed bridge in the state; its striking design has received recognition by the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, its location is adjacent to the highly unique and historical communities of Africatown and Plateau, founded by the descendants of those persons ripped from their ancestral homelands in West Africa and brought to America aboard the last slave ship, the Clotilda; and

WHEREAS, the engineering marvel of the Cochrane-Africatown, U.S.A. Bridge would serve as a fitting physical monument to those past, present, and future who have lived in Africatown and have tirelessly maintained their connections to their heritage, themselves becoming living monuments to history; and

1 WHEREAS, the rededication of the
2 Cochrane-Africatown, U.S.A. Bridge as a tribute to the past,
3 present, and future residents of Africatown is only a small
4 step towards recognizing their devotion to their heritage and
5 their contributions to our shared culture; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the bridge over the Mobile
8 River now known as the Cochrane-Africatown, U.S.A. Bridge
9 shall be known as the Africatown Bridge.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the new name of the
11 Africatown Bridge in Mobile County shall be reflected in all
12 the state archives, journals, and any other records; and that
13 notification of this new name shall be forwarded to the
14 National Park Service and the Library of Congress.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body requests the
16 appropriate officials to place and maintain signs or markers
17 reflecting the designation provided in this resolution.