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3 By Representatives Clouse and Boothe
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

8 DESIGNATING THE JAMES H. KELLEY, JR., BRIDGE IN
9 OZARK, ALABAMA.

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11 WHEREAS, James H. Kelley, Jr., of Ozark, Alabama,
12 retired in 1997 from the Alabama Highway Department (now the
13 Department of Transportation) as Division Engineer of the
14 Seventh Division after a dedicated and distinguished career of
15 39 years of service in civil engineering; and

16 WHEREAS, James Kelley also served as a
17 transportation engineer during his 24-year military career in
18 the United States Army Reserve and Alabama National Guard from
19 1959 to 1983; and

20 WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 16, James
21 Kelley graduated in 1954 as class valedictorian from Ozark
22 High School and entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API)
23 that same year with a dream of pursuing a degree in civil
24 engineering; and

25 WHEREAS, on December 18, 1958, James Kelley realized
26 his dream of pursuing professional engineering by graduating
27 with a BS in civil engineering; following service in Junior

1 ROTC, he was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the
2 United States Army Reserve upon graduation; and

3 WHEREAS, following his graduation from API (now
4 Auburn University), James Kelley rose quickly through the
5 ranks of both his civilian and military careers; with each new
6 promotion and position of responsibility, James Kelley
7 established himself as a master of professional engineering,
8 receiving numerous honors, awards, and professional
9 recognitions; and

10 WHEREAS, James married his devoted wife of 49 years,
11 Burnie Rae Lassiter, in 1960, and the Kelleys were blessed
12 with two daughters, Starla Kaye and Erin Elizabeth; now
13 therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor and recognition of
16 the tremendous contributions made by James Kelley to the Ozark
17 community, we hereby designate the bridge in Ozark on US
18 Highway 231 between Highway 27 East and West the James H.
19 Kelley, Jr., Bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we respectfully request
21 the appropriate officials to install and maintain signs
22 identifying the James H. Kelley, Jr., Bridge.