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3 By Senator Chambliss  
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8 NAMING THE BRIDGE OVER BEAVER CREEK IN AUTAUGA  
9 COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE WHETSTONE BRIDGE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
12 name the bridge over Beaver Creek in the Mulberry Community in  
13 Autauga County, Alabama, the Whetstone Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, the family of Henry Mordecai Whetstone of  
15 the Mulberry Community in Autauga County are descendants of  
16 Johannes Whetstein, who immigrated to America in 1734 with his  
17 family; the Whetstone family settled in Dutch Bend, Autauga  
18 County, Alabama in 1823; and

19 WHEREAS, the Whetstone family has contributed  
20 greatly to the agricultural, social, economic, military, and  
21 governmental development of Autauga County over the years;  
22 Whetstone descendants have been farmers, preachers, and  
23 business leaders; they have served in the military; many have  
24 been involved with county government as county commissioners,  
25 justices of the peace, sheriffs, mayors, and state  
26 legislators; and

1                   WHEREAS, Henry Mordecai Whetstone and his wife,  
2 Della Dobbins Whetstone, purchased 724 acres of land in the  
3 Mulberry Community in 1912; the land is known as the Whetstone  
4 Homeplace and is designated as an Alabama Century and Heritage  
5 Farm; and

6                   WHEREAS, it is fitting to name a bridge,  
7 particularly in the area of the Mulberry Community, to  
8 recognize the accomplishments and contributions of the  
9 Whetstone family to Autauga County; the Whetstone family is  
10 truly a living symbol of our Great State; now therefore

11                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby name the bridge  
13 over Beaver Creek in the Mulberry Community in Autauga County,  
14 Alabama, the Whetstone Bridge and request the appropriate  
15 officials to place and maintain signs or markers as provided  
16 in this resolution.

17                  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
18 resolution be provided for presentation as a memento of this  
19 honorary designation by the Alabama Legislature.