

1 HJR39  
2 204676-3  
3 By Representative Standridge  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 18-FEB-20

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 NAMING THE U.S. HIGHWAY 231 BRIDGE OVER THE L AND N  
4 RAILROAD IN BLOUNT COUNTY THE SSGT FORREST B. SIBLEY MEMORIAL  
5 BRIDGE.

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7 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a sad, but sacred,  
8 duty to honor the memory of its sons and daughters who, while  
9 serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, have fallen  
10 to protect us and to preserve our freedoms; and

11 WHEREAS, Forrest Brent Sibley was born on October  
12 21, 1983, in Louisiana, and spent his adolescent years in  
13 Blount County, graduating from Appalachian High School in  
14 Oneonta; the people of Alabama proudly lay claim to him as one  
15 of their own; and

16 WHEREAS, Forrest Brent Sibley enlisted in the United  
17 States Air Force on November 18, 2008, and after his basic  
18 training and Combat Controller training, he served with  
19 distinction rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant, with  
20 assignments to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, the 24th  
21 Special Tactics Squadron and the 21st Special Tactics  
22 Squadron; and

23 WHEREAS, SSgt. Sibley deployed four times to  
24 sensitive locations around the world and distinguished himself  
25 by heroism and gallantry, and was a four-time recipient of the

1 Bronze Star, once with the valor device, two Purple Hearts and  
2 the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, SSgt. Sibley was killed in action in  
4 Afghanistan on August 26, 2015, at the age of 31, leaving his  
5 state and nation owing a debt of gratitude for his sacrifice;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, SSgt. Forrest Brent Sibley is deserving of  
8 a special designation that may ensure he is remembered with  
9 the utmost respect by all Alabamians; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor of SSgt. Forrest  
12 Brent Sibley, we declare that the bridge over the L and N  
13 Railroad track at mile point 251.681 on U.S. Highway 231, 0.2  
14 miles west of Oneonta, be named in perpetuity the SSgt.  
15 Forrest B. Sibley Memorial Bridge.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of  
17 Transportation is requested to determine the cost of  
18 fabricating and erecting the appropriate signs or markers,  
19 consistent with the applicable requirements and laws, and upon  
20 receiving funds from non-state sources covering that cost, to  
21 erect those signs or markers as provided in this resolution in  
22 recognition of this meritorious designation.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 25-FEB-20.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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10-MAR-20

Adopted