

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;
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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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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

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

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16 Senate

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