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3 By Senators Price, Whatley, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot,
4 Beasley, Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones,
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Waggoner and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 03-MAR-21

8 NAMING THE BRIDGE ON BENT CREEK ROAD OVER INTERSTATE
9 85 IN LEE COUNTY, THE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CSM BENNIE G.
10 ADKINS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
13 name the bridge on Bent Creek Road over Interstate 85 in Lee
14 County in memory of Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, a resident of Opelika, Alabama, command
17 Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins served more than 20 years in
18 the United States Army, over 13 of those years spent as a
19 Green Beret in the Seventh, Third, Sixth, and Fifth Special
20 Forces Groups; he deployed to Vietnam three times, with his
21 heroic efforts in one 1966 battle later recognized in 2014
22 with the awarding, by the President, of the nation's highest
23 and most prestigious military award, the Medal of Honor; and

24 WHEREAS, following retirement in 1978 at the rank of
25 Command Sergeant Major, and being highly decorated for his
26 service, he earned three degrees from Troy University and
27 operated an accounting firm in Auburn until the time of his

retirement, along the way touching countless lives in a positive and enduring manner; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins is a true American hero whose military service and contributions to society leave his state and nation forever grateful; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the bridge on Bent Creek Road over Interstate 85 in Lee County, be designated The Medal of Honor Recipient CSM Bennie G. Adkins Memorial Bridge

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is requested to coordinate with the local governing officials on fabricating and erecting appropriate signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements and laws, to establish a lasting memorial to the unparalleled life, accomplishments, and service of one of Alabama's greatest citizens.