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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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