

1 HJR84  
2 211149-3  
3 By Representative Lovvorn  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 03-MAR-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 NAMING THE BRIDGE ON BENT CREEK ROAD OVER INTERSTATE  
4 85 IN LEE COUNTY, THE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CSM BENNIE G.  
5 ADKINS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
8 name the bridge on Bent Creek Road over Interstate 85 in Lee  
9 County in memory of Command Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins;  
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11 WHEREAS, a resident of Opelika, Alabama, command  
12 Sergeant Major Bennie G. Adkins served more than 20 years in  
13 the United States Army, over 13 of those years spent as a  
14 Green Beret in the Seventh, Third, Sixth, and Fifth Special  
15 Forces Groups; he deployed to Vietnam three times, with his  
16 heroic efforts in one 1966 battle later recognized in 2014  
17 with the awarding, by the President, of the nation's highest  
18 and most prestigious military award, the Medal of Honor; and

19 WHEREAS, following retirement in 1978 at the rank of  
20 Command Sergeant Major, and being highly decorated for his  
21 service, he earned three degrees from Troy University and  
22 operated an accounting firm in Auburn until the time of his  
23 retirement, along the way touching countless lives in a  
24 positive and enduring manner; and

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

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

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

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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 09-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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30-MAR-21

Adopted