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3       By Senator Marsh  
4       RFD: Rules  
5       First Read: 20-APR-21

NAMING THE NANCES CREEK BRIDGE ON US-278 IN CALHOUN  
COUNTY, THE RANDALL A. ESTES MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, Randall A. Estes was born on August 9,  
1935, at his parent's home in Tennala in the McGhee Bend  
community near Centre in Cherokee County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Estes attended and graduated from  
Spring Garden High School in 1953, and attended Jacksonville  
State College; and

WHEREAS, he began a career with the Alabama Highway  
Department in October 1954 that would last over 50 years,  
working in construction, planning, programming, bridge design,  
maintenance management and training, and as a bureau chief and  
division engineer, retiring in February 2008; and

WHEREAS, he became a licensed Professional Engineer  
on February 16, 1968; and

WHEREAS, he is credited with conducting professional  
development instructional assignments during his 24 years with  
the Maintenance Bureau that involved an estimated 10,000 city,  
county, state, federal and private industry employees, and

1 established the standards and fundamental practices that  
2 remain in use for training and certifying inspectors for the  
3 safety inspection of the State of Alabama's nearly 16,000  
4 bridges; and

5 WHEREAS, he traveled with 51 foreign mission teams  
6 in the name of the United Methodist Church over 34 years,  
7 working with 15 dental teams, 36 construction teams, and 1,300  
8 missionaries; and

9 WHEREAS, he worked with Habitat for Humanity on a  
10 President Jimmy Carter building blitz near Americus, Georgia,  
11 in 2000, that eliminated sub-standard housing in the area; and

12 WHEREAS, perhaps his greatest legacy is that he was  
13 the epitome of a devoted and loving husband and father,  
14 grandfather and great-grandfather, and that he was a loyal  
15 friend to innumerable people from varied walks of life,  
16 leaving behind the gift of his love to be cherished in the  
17 hearts of all who knew him; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the bridge over Nances Creek  
20 on US-278 in Calhoun County, be designated the Randall A.  
21 Estes Memorial Bridge.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of  
23 Transportation is requested to determine the cost of  
24 fabricating and erecting the appropriate signs or markers,  
25 consistent with applicable requirements and laws, and upon  
26 receiving funds from non-state sources covering that cost, to

1        erect those signs or markers as provided in this resolution in  
2        recognition of this memorial designation.