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By Representatives Robbins, Oliver

RFD: RULES

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HJR___ NAMING THE BRIDGE ON U.S. HIGHWAY ROUTE 280 THAT SPANS ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 21 IN SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, THE ADAM RUSSELL AND MARC GANN MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that we honor the memories of Adam Russell and Marc Gann by requesting the Department of Transportation designate the bridge on U.S. Highway Route 280 that spans Alabama State Highway Route 21 in Sylacauga, Alabama, as the Adam Russell and Marc Gann Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2023, Mr. Russell and Mr. Gann lost their lives during the commission of a lifesaving effort when the LifeSaver helicopter they were in crashed near the intersection of County Road 43 and Mountain Oaks Drive in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gann served more than 20 years in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot and Army Ranger before joining the LifeSaver crew in 2007; he is survived by his wife, Brenda, and their three children, Kelly, Craig, and Holly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell was a part-time firefighter for the Sylacauga Fire Department for more than 15 years, as well as a paramedic and registered nurse with LifeSaver; he is survived by his wife, Tamara, and their sons, Dylan, JD Stephens, and Jesse Lankford; and

WHEREAS, it is a proper and fitting tribute to acknowledge the devastating tragedy of these two gentlemen who died in service to others; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Adam Russell and Marc Gann, the Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with local governing officials to consider designating the bridge on U.S. Highway Route 280 that spans Alabama State Highway Route 21 in Sylacauga, Alabama, as the Adam Russell and Marc Gann Memorial Bridge and to erect appropriate signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements and laws, in recognition of this designation.