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HJR___ NAMING THE BRIDGE ON UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 43 THAT SPANS THE B.N. RAILROAD BETWEEN SPORTS PLEX ROAD AND BELL GRAYSON ROAD IN MARENGO COUNTY AS THE FRED ARMSTEAD, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this body honors Fred Armstead, Sr. by requesting the Department of Transportation designate the bridge on United States Highway 43 that spans the B.N. Railroad between Sports Plex Road and Bell Grayson Road in the City of Demopolis, Marengo County, Alabama, as the Fred Armstead Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Fred Armstead was a lifelong public servant; he was the first Black police officer in Demopolis and the first Black Marengo County Commissioner for District 1, which he served honorably for 36 years; he served for over 30 years on the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission Executive Committee; he also served on the boards of The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, Dallas County HeadStart, DCH Regional Hospital, and many others; he was widely recognized for his leadership and dedication to supporting the Alabama Black Belt; and

WHEREAS, the bridge located on U.S. Highway 43 is a vital piece of public infrastructure that connects communities, supports commerce, and ensures safe travel; designating the bridge in his memory venerates the life,



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29 service, and lasting contributions of Fred Armstead, Sr.,
30 whose commitment to community and public well-being leaves a
31 meaningful and enduring impact on the city and its
32 residents; now therefore,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
34 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Department of
35 Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with local
36 governing officials to consider designating the bridge on
37 United States Highway 43 that spans the B.N. Railroad
38 between Sports Plex Road and Bell Grayson Road in the City
39 of Demopolis, Marengo County, Alabama, as the Fred Armstead,
40 Sr. Memorial Bridge and to erect appropriate signs or
41 markers, consistent with applicable requirements and laws,
42 in recognition of this designation.