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3 By Senator Denton
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR5,

5 DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE CROSSING THE TENNESSEE RIVER

6 IN THE MUSCLE SHOALS AREA THE SINGING RIVER BRIDGE.

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8 WHEREAS, for a length of approximately 50 miles, the

9 Tennessee River that traverses the Muscle Shoals area once

10 consisted of shallow rapids; and

11 WHEREAS, the first inhabitants of the area were

12 Native Americans, and a prominent legend told stories of a

13 woman who lived in the river and protected the Native

14 Americans, often singing songs to them; and

15 WHEREAS, the Yuchi people, who most anthropologists

16 believe were the first people of language in North America,

17 referred to the Tennessee River as nun-nuh-sae, which means

18 "The River that Sings"; and before the dams were built,

19 especially during periods of flooding, one could hear the

20 river from the town of Florence; and

21 WHEREAS, the great dams have softened the sound, but

22 if you go to a quiet place and listen you can still hear her

23 songs; as the legend says, you only have to listen; now

24 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we officially designate the
3 bridge crossing the Tennessee River in the Muscle Shoals area,
4 currently referred to as the Patton Island Bridge, the
5 "Singing River Bridge," and request the appropriate officials
6 to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the bridge
7 and recognizing the legends of the Native American people who
8 were the first inhabitants of the area.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 12-JAN-10
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 14-JAN-10

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