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3 By Representative Merrill
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 10-MAY-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 NAMING THE BRIDGE OVER HURRICANE CREEK ON HIGHWAY
4 216 IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA, THE HORACE AND THELMA
5 SELLERS BRIDGE.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that in
8 Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, we recommend naming the Bridge
9 over Hurricane Creek the Horace and Thelma Sellers Bridge; and

10 WHEREAS, James Horace Sellers was born May 11, 1918,
11 in rural Tuscaloosa County; his wife, Thelma Cordella Clements
12 Sellers was born on October 16, 1921; Horace and Thelma were
13 married on September 2, 1940; they had three children, Billy
14 Ray Sellers (Barbara Clark Sellers), Linda Sellers Dill
15 (Freddie Eugene Dill), and Walter Lee Sellers (Lucy Rosenfeld
16 Sellers); and

17 WHEREAS, after marrying Thelma, Mr. and Mrs. Sellers
18 began living their lives in Peterson; he began Sellers
19 Trucking Company in 1945, originally a logging company; in
20 1963, Billy, his oldest son, began working with him; Sellers
21 Trucking Company employed anywhere from 15 to 40 persons
22 during its 58 years in business; their youngest son, Lee,
23 joined the company in 1979 and with his father, began
24 Fleetwood Trucking Company, an-over-the-road division of
25 Sellers Trucking; it employed an additional 60 employees; it

1 still operates in Fleetwood, Alabama; Horace and his sons
2 often rehired workers who had left or quit without a reason;
3 they always knew what a risk this was but were determined to
4 give employees a second and even third chance to make things
5 right; and

6 WHEREAS, Horace Sellers became a deacon at Ruhama
7 Baptist Church, the same church where his father so often
8 preached; he remained a deacon until his health kept him from
9 serving the community he loved so well; his son, Billy also
10 served as deacon for 25 years; Horace was able to use his
11 compassion as well as his business sense to aid the church in
12 assisting multitudes of people over the years; people who came
13 to him for assistance were never turned down, even if they had
14 borrowed from him before; and

15 WHEREAS, Horace Sellers was well known for his fear
16 of tornadoes, but even this was an opportunity for him to aid
17 the community; he installed a storm shelter with a tunnel from
18 his house all the way underneath his yard and out to the
19 highway; this gave easy access to anyone who lived nearby,
20 especially the trailer park inhabitants who lived across the
21 road; these shelters provided much needed protection during
22 the horrible April 27, 2011, tornado for untold numbers; and

23 WHEREAS, Horace Sellers was a businessman, a deacon,
24 a father, a grandfather, and a friend; he helped untold
25 numbers of people and taught his children and grandchildren

1 what true charity, compassion, and love really is; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby name the bridge
5 over Hurricane Creek on Highway 216 in Tuscaloosa County,
6 Alabama, the Horace and Thelma Sellers Bridge and request the
7 appropriate officials to place and maintain signs or markers
8 as provided in this resolution.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
10 resolution be provided to Horace Sellers so that this
11 meritorious designation is known.

