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3 By Senator Taylor
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8 DESIGNATING THE ARMY SERGEANT CARLOS PERNELL AND
9 ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEPHEN D. BICKNELL BRIDGE.

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11 WHEREAS, Army Sergeant Carlos Pernell, a 2000
12 graduate of Prattville High School, was only 25 years old when
13 he was killed on June 6, 2006, during a mortar attack in Ar
14 Ramadi; he was on his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

15 WHEREAS, Sgt. Pernell had planned a career in the
16 Army and is survived by his wife, Tiffanie, who was also a
17 fellow soldier, and a daughter, Kassidie, who was born in
18 spring of 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, his awards include: the Purple Heart,
20 Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct
21 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism
22 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
23 Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Combat
24 Action Badge; and

25 WHEREAS, Army Private First Class Stephen D.
26 Bicknell, was a 2005 graduate of Prattville High School and
27 was only 19 years old when he was killed on October 15, 2006;

1 he was a passenger of an Army vehicle that struck a land mine;
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3 WHEREAS, Pfc. Bicknell planned to return to school
4 after his military service to become a coach and teacher; he
5 joined the Army in spring of 2006 and married his wife,
6 Miranda, on July 6, 2006; he was deployed to Iraq only one
7 month after his wedding; and

8 WHEREAS, both of these outstanding young men played
9 football for the Prattville Lions and then gave the ultimate
10 sacrifice for their country; it is a fitting reminder of this
11 service and sacrifice for the citizens of the United States,
12 to memorialize their sacrifice by naming a bridge in
13 Prattville to honor the unselfish service of these two young
14 soldiers from Prattville; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of the service
17 and sacrifice for the State of Alabama and for the United
18 States, we hereby designate the new bridge on West 4th Street,
19 Highway 82 W., approximately one-half mile from the Prattville
20 Courthouse, as the Army Sergeant Carlos Pernel and Army
21 Private First Class Stephen D. Bicknell Bridge.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appropriate
23 officials are requested to establish and maintain signs or
24 markers designating the bridge.