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3 By Senator Holley
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8 NAMING THE TWO NEW PEA RIVER BRIDGES IN ELBA ON
9 HIGHWAY 84 THE MARION BAILEY BRUNSON, SR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we
12 name the two new Pea River bridges on Highway 84 in Elba,
13 Alabama, the Marion Bailey Brunson, Sr., Memorial Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, Marion Bailey Brunson, Sr., was born in
15 Elba, Alabama, and served the people of Coffee County as an
16 educator for over 30 years; he served as Probate Judge of
17 Coffee County for 12 years; and he served on numerous county
18 and regional boards in Southeast Alabama; he died in June 2007
19 at the age of 75; and

20 WHEREAS, Brunson was the third generation to own the
21 family farm in Elba; he was initially a cattle farmer, then
22 later converted the farm to a silvicultural operation, which
23 became a Certified Tree Farm and Alabama Treasure Forest; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to being a public servant as an
25 educator and later a probate judge, Brunson was a noted local
26 author, genealogist, and historian; he gladly shared his love
27 for Coffee County and the Pea River with others; and

1 WHEREAS, Brunson was a good steward of the land and
2 left it improved for future generations; the eastern abutments
3 of the new bridge are located on land which was part of the
4 Brunson farm before its conversion to the new Highway 84; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting to name both of these new
6 bridges to recognize the accomplishments, service, and
7 contributions of Marion Bailey Brunson, Sr., to the citizens
8 of Coffee County and the entire State of Alabama; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby designate the two
12 new Pea River bridges on Highway 84 in Elba, Alabama, as the
13 Marion Bailey Brunson, Sr., Memorial Bridge and request the
14 appropriate officials to place and maintain signs or markers
15 as provided in this resolution.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
17 resolution be provided for presentation as a memento of this
18 memorial designation by the Alabama Legislature.