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3 By Senator Dial  
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8 NAMING THE BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 48 IN RANDOLPH COUNTY  
9 OVER FOX CREEK THE DON C. EAST MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that we  
12 name the bridge on Highway 48 over Fox Creek in Randolph  
13 County, Alabama, the Don. C. East Memorial Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, Don C. East was born in Alabama and retired  
15 home to Alabama after 36 years in the United States Navy in  
16 1992; he served numerous overseas tours including during the  
17 Vietnam War, and retired as a captain; he died on March 9,  
18 2016, at the age of 77; and

19 WHEREAS, following his retirement, Captain East was  
20 an active landowner and manager of The Creeks Tree Farms; he  
21 was a member of the Clay County and Randolph County Forestry  
22 Planning Committees, as well as the Clay County Chapter of the  
23 Alabama TREASURE Forest Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Captain East leaves a legacy of forest  
25 stewardship; he and his property were awarded numerous  
26 recognitions, including certification as a TREASURE Forest and  
27 Tree Farm, the Helene Mosley Memorial TREASURE Forest Award

1 for the Northeast Region in 1999, and multiple environmental,  
2 forestry, and wildlife management awards; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to writing articles relating to  
4 forestry for industry publications, in 2008, Captain East  
5 published a book entitled, A Historical Analysis of the Creek  
6 Indian Hillabee Towns; and

7 WHEREAS, it is fitting to name this bridge to  
8 recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Captain Don  
9 C. East to the citizens of the State of Alabama; now  
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby name the bridge  
13 on Highway 48 over Fox Creek in Randolph County, Alabama, the  
14 Don. C. East Memorial Bridge and request the appropriate  
15 officials to place and maintain signs or markers as provided  
16 in this resolution.

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