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3 By Senator Scofield
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4 ENROLLED, SJR11,

5 NAMING THE NEW BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 205 IN ALBERTVILLE
6 (RABBIT TOWN) IN HONOR OF OLA LEE MIZE.

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8 WHEREAS, Ola Lee Mize of Albertville, Alabama, is
9 one of Alabama's greatest war heroes and it is appropriate and
10 fitting that the new bridge on Highway 205 in Albertville
11 (Rabbit Town) be named in his honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Mize was born in Albertville, Alabama, the
13 son of a sharecropper, he left school after the 9th grade to
14 support his family, after several years of working for low
15 pay, he attempted to enlist in the Army, but was initially
16 rejected for being underweight; after repeated tries, he was
17 eventually accepted by the Army; and

18 WHEREAS, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division,
19 Mize planned to finish his term of service and return to
20 school, when the Korean War began, he changed his plans and
21 reenlisted in hopes of seeing combat and he volunteered for a
22 front-line unit and ended up a Sergeant in Company K of the
23 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division; on June 10th,
24 1953, his unit was manning Outpost Harry near Surang-ni,
25 Korea, when the post came under heavy enemy attack; Mize

1 organized defensive positions, rescued wounded soldiers, and
2 engaged the enemy until reinforcements arrived about noon the
3 next day; he was subsequently promoted to Master Sergeant and,
4 on September 24th, 1954, awarded the Medal of Honor for his
5 actions at Outpost Harry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mize later joined the special forces where
7 he gained a commission and served three tours of duty in the
8 Vietnam War; in 1965, he was assigned to the Special Forces
9 Training Group, where he was the Advanced Training Committee
10 Chief for Scuba, Halo, and the Skyhook schools; he commanded
11 the Special Forces school at Fort Bragg; Colonel Mize is
12 credited for being the officer responsible for starting the
13 present-day Combat Divers Qualification Course in Key West,
14 Florida; from 1966 to 1967, he was again assigned to the 5th
15 Special Forces Group as the commander of B-36 3rd Mobile
16 Strike Force, he was awarded the Silver Star for Valor Badge
17 with one star, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Special
18 Forces Tab, Legion of Merit with One Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star
19 with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and "V" Device, Purple Heart, Air
20 Medal and several others; and

21 WHEREAS, he met Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy
22 and he retired as a colonel; and

23 WHEREAS, Mize died on March 12, 2014, in Gadsden,
24 Alabama, at age 82; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby designate the
3 bridge on Highway 205 in Albertville, Alabama, as the Colonel
4 Ola Lee Mize Bridge and request the appropriate officials to
5 place and maintain signs or markers as provided in this
6 resolution.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
8 resolution be provided for presentation as a memento of this
9 honorary designation by the Alabama Legislature.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 25-FEB-20

By: Senator Scofield