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2 By Representatives Brown, Wilcox, Stringer, Pringle, Bracy,

3 Shirey, Clarke, Drummond

4 RFD: RULES

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6 2023 Regular Session



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON ALABAMA STATE ROUTE 193
5 THAT SPANS THE THEODORE INDUSTRIAL CANAL IN MOBILE COUNTY AS
6 THE VICTOR BIRCH MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that we
9 honor Mr. Victor Birch by requesting that the Department of
10 Transportation designate the bridge on Alabama State Route
11 193, also known as Rangeline Road, that spans the Theodore
12 Industrial Canal in Mobile County as the Victor Birch
13 Memorial Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, Victor Birch was a lifelong resident of
15 Mobile, Alabama; on September 25, 2022, at 61 years of age,
16 he was tragically killed in a head-on collision on the
17 bridge that will soon be named for him; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Birch was much loved in his community;
19 he was an avid runner who encouraged and inspired others to
20 live active lifestyles; he was a member of several local
21 running groups, including the Blue Bell Bombers, which he
22 helped to start; he mentored many new runners who credit him
23 with giving them the encouragement they needed to achieve
24 their goals and cross the finish line; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Birch ran a total of 16 different
26 marathons and was the first place winner of the
27 Apalachicola, Florida, inaugural marathon in 2010; in 2021,
28 Mr. Birch entered and completed an IRONMAN competition in



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29 Waco, Texas, and qualified for the national IRONMAN race;
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31 WHEREAS, Mr. Birch was a member of St. Rose of Lima
32 Catholic Church, where he served on the parish council and
33 generously gifted his time and talent with its programs and
34 events; he will be remembered and cherished by his loving
35 family and the large community where he lived, served, and
36 mentored; now therefore,

37 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
38 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Department of
39 Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with local
40 governing officials to consider designating the bridge on
41 Alabama State Route 193 that spans the Theodore Industrial
42 Canal as the Victor Birch Memorial Bridge and erect
43 appropriate signs or markers, consistent with applicable
44 requirements and laws, in recognition of this designation.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 11-MAY-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

23-May-23

Adopted