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SJR\_\_\_ DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON ALABAMA STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 158 THAT SPANS LOTT ROAD IN MOBILE COUNTY AS THE MELVIN E. PIERCE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this body renames the Alabama State Highway Route 158 bridge that spans Lott Road in Mobile County, Alabama, as the Melvin E. Pierce Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Melvin E. Pierce was a lifelong resident of Semmes, Alabama; he owned and operated his businesses there, starting with Melvin Pierce Painting in 1972, which became one of the largest paint companies in the South; he grew his brand to include Melvin Pierce Marine Coatings, Melvin Pierce Sandblasting, Highway Maintenance, Inc., and Dothan, Inc. of Semmes; he was a member of several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce was also very involved and invested in his community; he was a founding member of Friends of Semmes, whose efforts led to the incorporation of Semmes; he was a founding member of the Dixie Youth Baseball Program in Semmes; as a volunteer and civic organizer, he helped found the Christmas Parade, Azalea Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, and a food pantry in Semmes; the children's area of the Semmes Public Library was named for him and his wife, Evelyn, in thanks for their generous donation of money and



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29 books; he served on the Mobile Water and Sewer Board and the  
30 board of the Abba Shrine Temple; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce was frequently lauded for his  
32 professional work and civic involvement; he received the  
33 2003 Award of Gratitude from Semmes Community Park; the 2005  
34 Woodmen of the World Outstanding Citizen Award; the 2007  
35 Ronald McDonald Award; and in 2009 he was Grand Marshal of  
36 the Semmes Christmas Parade; and

37 WHEREAS, Melvin E. Pierce left a lasting impact on  
38 the community of Semmes as a local business owner and  
39 community volunteer; he is truly deserving of every honor  
40 bestowed on him; now therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
42 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama State Highway  
43 Route 158 bridge that spans Lott Road in Mobile County,  
44 Alabama, is designated as the Melvin E. Pierce Memorial  
45 Bridge.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of  
47 Transportation is requested to coordinate with the local  
48 governing officials on fabricating and erecting appropriate  
49 signs or markers, consistent with applicable requirements  
50 and laws, in recognition of this designation.