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3 By Representative Oliver
4 RFD: Rules
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4 HJR____ NAMING THE BRIDGE ON ALABAMA HIGHWAY 63 THAT SPANS
5 SUGAR CREEK IN ALEXANDER CITY THE DR. LARRY TUGGLE MEMORIAL
6 BRIDGE.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with the highest accolade that this
9 body honors the memory of Dr. Michael Larry Tuggle by
10 requesting the Department of Transportation designate the
11 bridge on Alabama Highway 63 that spans Sugar Creek in
12 Alexander City, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, as the Dr. Larry
13 Tuggle Memorial Bridge; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Larry Tuggle was born December 24,
15 1935, in Birmingham, Alabama; he received his undergraduate
16 degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University and both
17 his Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in
18 Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida; he
19 served in the United States Marine Corps as a naval aviator
20 and was discharged as a Captain; he then worked for
21 International Paper, then Boeing on the Saturn V Rocket
22 Program, before founding Thomson and Tuggle in Montgomery,
23 Alabama, which later merged with CH2M Hill; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Tuggle and his wife, Julia DeForest
25 Tuggle, fell in love with Lake Martin and the Alexander City
26 community; they relocated and became longtime residents of
27 Alexander City; Dr. Tuggle gave generously of his time and
28 talents in support of his community as a volunteer for Main



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29 Street Alexander City, Lake Martin Resource Association,
30 Habitat for Humanity, and the Chamber of Commerce, which
31 honored him as Man of the Year in 1987; he was a founding
32 member of the volunteer fire department in the Windemere
33 Community and served for many years as a volunteer fireman;
34 he worked for Russell Corporation as Vice President of
35 Environmental and Engineering Services before renovating and
36 running the Shoppes of the Queens Attic; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Tuggle was called home on February 26,
38 2021, leaving behind his family and community to grieve his
39 loss; he was celebrated at First United Methodist Church,
40 where he sang in the choir and held many offices in the
41 church; his legacy of service continues to be remembered and
42 honored; now therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
44 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That to honor Dr. Larry Tuggle,
45 who loved and served his community and was beloved in
46 return, the Department of Transportation is encouraged to
47 coordinate with local governing officials to consider
48 designating the bridge on Alabama Highway 63 that spans
49 Sugar Creek in Alexander City the Dr. Larry Tuggle Memorial
50 Bridge and to erect appropriate signs or markers, consistent
51 with applicable requirements and laws, in recognition of
52 this designation.