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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 URGING THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION
10 DEPARTMENT AND THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO
11 DESIGNATE THE GREAT RIVER BRIDGE AS THE CHARLES
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22 WHEREAS, Charles William Dean, a professional engineer from Cleveland,
23 Mississippi, conceived the first serious idea in 1984 for a bridge across the
24 Mississippi River at Rosedale, Mississippi; and
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26 WHEREAS, as co-chairman of the Arkansas-Mississippi Great River Bridge
27 Authority, Charles Dean further developed his idea of the Great River Bridge,
28 working closely with leaders from Arkansas and Mississippi; and
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30 WHEREAS, when the Interstate 69 project began in the mid-nineties,
31 Charles Dean realized that the Great River Bridge would be the ideal
32 Mississippi River crossing for Interstate 69; and
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34 WHEREAS, Charles Dean became involved in the promotion of the
35 construction of Interstate 69 and he served on the Board of Directors of the
36 I-69 Coalition; and



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WHEREAS, during his lifetime in his career as a professional engineer, Charles Dean specialized in river ports, drainage, municipal public works, airports, highways, railroads, industrial parks and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, because of his dedication to his profession, his community, his state and his country, the General Assembly declares that it would be a fitting tribute to the life and works of an exemplary visionary and public servant, and most appropriate to name the Great River Bridge the Charles W. Dean Bridge,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That we do hereby urge the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas Highway Commission to designate the Great River Bridge on Interstate 69 as the Charles W. Dean Bridge and that appropriate memorials be erected at each end of the bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, the Arkansas Highway Commission, the I-69 Coalition, the Arkansas-Mississippi Great River Bridge Authority, and the family of Charles W. Dean.