

By: Representative Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES
2 CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE
3 MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS TO DESIGNATE THE GREAT
4 RIVER BRIDGE AS THE CHARLES W. DEAN BRIDGE.

5 WHEREAS, Charles William Dean, a professional engineer from
6 Cleveland, Mississippi, conceived the first serious idea in 1984
7 for a bridge across the Mississippi River at Rosedale; and

8 WHEREAS, as Co-Chairman of the Arkansas-Mississippi Great
9 River Bridge Authority, Charles Dean further developed his idea of
10 the Great River Bridge working closely with leaders from Arkansas
11 and Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, when the Interstate 69 project began in the
13 mid-nineties, Charles Dean realized that the Great River Bridge
14 would be the ideal Mississippi River crossing for Interstate 69;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Dean became involved in the promotion of the
17 construction of Interstate 69 and he serves on the Board of
18 Directors of the I-69 Coalition; and

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

23 WHEREAS, because of his dedication to his profession, his
24 community, his state and his country, the Legislature declares
25 that it would be most appropriate to name the Great River Bridge
26 the Charles W. Dean Bridge:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
29 THEREIN, That we do hereby memorialize the United States Congress,
30 the United States Department of Transportation and the Mississippi
31 Transportation Commissioners to designate the Great River Bridge
32 on Interstate 69 as the Charles W. Dean Bridge and that
33 appropriate memorials at appropriate locations be erected at each
34 end of such bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 furnished to the United States Congress, the United States
37 Department of Transportation, the Mississippi Transportation
38 Commissioners, the I-69 Coalition, the Arkansas-Mississippi Great
39 River Bridge Authority, to Charles W. Dean and to the members of
40 the Capitol Press Corps.