

By: Representative Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION
3 COMMISSIONERS TO DESIGNATE THE GREAT RIVER BRIDGE AS THE CHARLES
4 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;
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16 WHEREAS, Charles Dean became involved in the promotion of the
17 construction of Interstate 69 and he served on the Board of
18 Directors of the I-69 Coalition; and

19 WHEREAS, during his lifetime in his career as a professional
20 engineer, Charles Dean specialized in river ports, drainage,
21 municipal public works, airports, highways, railroads, industrial
22 parks and 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 a fitting tribute to the life and works of an
26 exemplary Mississippian and most appropriate to name the Great
27 River Bridge the Charles W. Dean Bridge:

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

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