

1 HJR106
2 126951-2
3 By Representative Jones
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JACOB EUGENE MERRILL OF
4 COVINGTON COUNTY.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with deep and abiding grief that the
7 Alabama Legislature records the death of Mr. Jacob "Jake"
8 Eugene Merrill of Covington County on February 14, 2011, at
9 the age of 85 years; and

10 WHEREAS, he was born in Troy, Alabama, in 1925,
11 where he spent his early childhood years before moving to
12 Andalusia at the age of seven; and

13 WHEREAS, immediately following graduation from
14 Andalusia High School at age 17, he enlisted in the United
15 States Army Air Force, where he served a three-year term
16 during World War II, thereafter attending Auburn University on
17 the G.I. Bill, where he majored in Mechanical Engineering; and

18 WHEREAS, after his college years, he entered into
19 the ownership and operation of J.M. Merrill Motors of
20 Andalusia with his father, Jessie, and brother, Warren; this
21 enterprise thrived for more than 50 years, positively
22 impacting many lives in Covington County; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill was a Mason, a Toastmaster, and
24 a longtime faithful member of the First Baptist Church in
25 Andalusia; his "claim to fame" was winning the runner-up

1 doubles trophy at the World Domino Tournament in Andalusia in
2 1979; and

3 WHEREAS, he was an avid supporter of Auburn
4 football, never met a stranger, and was known for being quick
5 with one-liners; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill will be remembered as an honest
7 and honorable man, an exemplar of responsible and responsive
8 citizenship; he is deeply missed by all those who are grateful
9 for his presence in their lives; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That even as we mourn his death, we
12 give thanks for the life of Jacob Eugene Merrill and extend
13 our most heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Mary Clyde Merrill;
14 children, Martha Susan Griffith, M.D., Fran Bostick, and John
15 Jacob Merrill; brother, Warren Merrill; sister, Becky Wilder;
16 and other family members, for whom copies of this resolution
17 shall be provided.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 22-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

24-MAR-11

Adopted