

1 HJR107  
2 127245-2  
3 By Representatives Merrill, England, Clouse and Poole  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 10-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF LAWRENCE HENNESSEY.  
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is  
6 received of the death of Lawrence "Dude" Hennessey on March 2,  
7 2011, who was born December 23, 1929, in Covington, Kentucky;  
8 Dude coached the defensive line for Coach Paul Bryant at The  
9 University of Alabama from 1960 through 1976 and was one of  
10 the most colorful and popular football coaches in the history  
11 of The University of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, Dude earned his degree in business  
13 administration while playing defensive end at the University  
14 of Kentucky under Coach Bryant; he went on to coach the  
15 freshmen team at the University of Kentucky, a high school  
16 team in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and served as head coach at  
17 St. Xavier in Louisville before coaching at The University of  
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, coaching through four national championship  
20 teams at The University of Alabama, Coach Hennessey was  
21 described by a sportswriter as "the coaching staff's  
22 cheerleader, its funnybone, its alter ego, its colorful blithe  
23 spirit"; and

1           WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was preceded in death by  
2 his parents, John and Catherine Hennessey; brother, Jack  
3 Hennessey; and his infant son, John Duke Hennessey; and

4           WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved  
5 wife of 37 years, Carole Fields Hennessey; stepchildren Becky  
6 (Tommy) Satterfield and John Hulsey; his daughters, Haviland  
7 Hennessey (John Blue) Smith and Maggie Hennessey Nees;  
8 grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Ginny Blue Smith, Madeline Nees,  
9 Hudson Nees, Lily Nees, and Milyn Satterfield; sister, Frances  
10 Ellen Love; nephew, Tony Love; niece, Mary Catherine Love;  
11 great nephew, Jeffery Love; sister-in-law, Anne Fields Lewis;  
12 and brother-in-law, Wallace M. Lewis; and

13           WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was a loving husband,  
14 father, grandfather, and uncle, who dedicated his life to  
15 serving young athletes, students, and alumni at his beloved  
16 University of Alabama; his presence will be greatly missed by  
17 many; now therefore,

18           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Coach Lawrence  
20 "Dude" Hennessey is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of  
21 this resolution we convey our highest esteem and heartfelt  
22 sympathy to his grieving family and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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24-MAR-11

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