

1 HJR213
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3 By Representative Wren
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 25-FEB-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL WILLIAM RAYMOND BEAN.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
6 that we mourn the death of Colonel William Raymond "Ray" Bean
7 of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 70
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
10 his loving family and his many friends; and

11 WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1943, in Alexander
12 City, Alabama, he graduated high school in Wetumpka and
13 attended Auburn University, earning a Degree in Agricultural
14 Economics and being actively involved in many university
15 programs such as the Student Government Association, Theta Chi
16 Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa; and

17 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the
18 United States Air Force as a navigator, stationed in many
19 locations including Vietnam, where he became a Prisoner of War
20 on May 23, 1972; upon his release after ten months, he
21 attended Pilot Training School in Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was the recipient of a number
23 of well-deserved medals and decorations, including the
24 Distinguished Flying Cross Citation for professional
25 competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty; and

1 WHEREAS, after an exemplary 30-year career that took
2 him all over the globe, his final assignment with the Air
3 Force brought him and his family to Maxwell Air Force Base; he
4 later retired and joined the Civil Air Patrol, serving as
5 Director of Cadet Programs for nine years; and

6 WHEREAS, in retirement, he enjoyed golf, Auburn
7 University football, traveling, fishing, weekly Bible study,
8 and volunteering at the Alabama Department of Archives and
9 History in Montgomery; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 37
11 years, Mindy Rodgers Bean; daughter and son-in-law, Peyton and
12 Tyler Turner; granddaughter, Olivia; brothers, Paul, Al, and
13 David; and sister, Cindy; and

14 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was a valued member of the
15 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
16 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
17 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Colonel William
20 Raymond Bean is recorded with deep sadness, and this
21 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with
22 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
23 many.

