

1 HJR263
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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-FEB-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING THE FREDRIC ROSEMORE PATRIOTISM AWARD.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with utmost pride and pleasure that
6 we recognize the establishment of the Fredric Rosemore
7 Patriotism Award in honor of patriot, philanthropist, and
8 American hero Fredric Rosemore, OD, DOS, FAA0; and

9 WHEREAS, under the auspices of the Alabama
10 Cooperative Extension Service, the 4-H programs of Franklin,
11 Colbert, Lauderdale, and Lawrence Counties have announced the
12 establishment of this award in honor of Dr. Rosemore's
13 unsurpassed love for his country and for his country's
14 children; and

15 WHEREAS, volunteering for the Army Air Corps a year
16 before he was legally eligible, Dr. Rosemore completed 22
17 combat missions as a B-17 navigator during World War II;
18 during his final mission, his plane was shot down over Hungary
19 and the crew, including Dr. Rosemore, was taken prisoner,
20 tortured, and interned in a Nazi prison camp; Dr. Rosemore was
21 rescued by the Army Corps of Engineers and eventually returned
22 to the United States a decorated war hero; in recognition of
23 his bravery, he was awarded the prestigious Air Medal Oak Leaf
24 Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation, five Battle Stars, a
25 Prisoner of War Medal, and two Purple Hearts; and

1 WHEREAS, after returning home, Dr. Rosemore put
2 himself through the Southern College of Optometry, graduating
3 in 1948 and embarking on a long and successful career in the
4 field; always committed to service not only to the public, but
5 also to his profession, Dr. Rosemore was active in the Alabama
6 Optometric Association, serving in a number of positions,
7 including President; he was particularly proud when his
8 daughter, Martha, became President of the Association, making
9 them the first father and daughter to ever serve in the
10 position; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Rosemore practiced his art with the
12 heart of a philanthropist; he donated eye glasses to
13 disadvantaged children and offered free eye care to the
14 indigent and the elderly; and

15 WHEREAS, a natural entrepreneur, Dr. Rosemore
16 retired from optometry and founded a number of successful
17 businesses, including PMC Capital, which came to be worth more
18 than \$500 million; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Rosemore's love for people was
20 expressed in his many charitable and philanthropic
21 undertakings, as he established or supported numerous
22 scholarships, endowments, and religious organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, a devoted and beloved father, husband,
24 grandfather, and great-grandfather, Dr. Rosemore loved his
25 wife, Marion, his children, Andy, Lance, Martha, Susan, and

1 Margaret, as well as his grandchildren and
2 great-grandchildren, above all else; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rosemore was reared with a deep love
4 and respect for his Jewish faith; he carried this with him all
5 his life and was deeply committed to his synagogue, Temple
6 Beth-El; and

7 WHEREAS, the Fredric Rosemore Patriotism Award was
8 established to recognize and reward students who share Dr.
9 Rosemore's pride in and love for the United States of America;
10 the Award will be bestowed on candidates who live by The 4-H
11 Pledge: "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to
12 greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to
13 better living, for my club, my community, my country and my
14 world"; it is particularly fitting that this award
15 acknowledges two things that exemplify Dr. Rosemore's legacy -
16 love for America and love for the young people of America; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize the
20 Fredric Rosemore Patriotism Award and that, in so doing, we
21 honor its namesake, Fredric M. Rosemore, whose many
22 achievements and contributions reflect honor on the State of
23 Alabama and the United States of America.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
25 resolution will be provided to the 4-H programs of Franklin,

1 Colbert, Lauderdale, and Lawrence Counties, and to Dr.
2 Rosemore's family, as a memento of this special recognition.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 11-FEB-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

06-APR-10

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