

1 HJR406
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3 By Representative Brown
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 01-APR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING JESSE WHITFIELD MILES, SR., FOR
4 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNERAL SERVICE INDUSTRY AND FOR
5 EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
8 recognize the contributions and service of Jesse Whitfield
9 Miles, Sr., to the funeral service industry and this state;
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11 WHEREAS, born in the Crumley Chapel community, a
12 graduate of Minor High School, and a veteran of the Korean
13 War, Mr. Miles began his pursuit of serving others as an
14 apprentice for Bell Funeral Home in 1949; and

15 WHEREAS, after two years of dedicated service as an
16 apprentice, Mr. Miles enrolled in the John A. Gupton School of
17 Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated
18 in 1951 with his Tennessee embalmer's license; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Miles returned to this great state,
20 obtained an Alabama embalmer's license, and joined with Bell
21 Funeral Home in 1952, where he worked diligently serving the
22 bereaved until 1964; thereafter, Mr. Miles acquired McGraw
23 Brown Service Funeral Home in Winfield where he has operated
24 Miles Funeral Home for one-half of a century; and

1 WHEREAS, a proud supporter of education, Mr. Miles
2 received his Certified Funeral Service Professional
3 Designation from the Academy of Professional Funeral Service
4 Practice and generously contributed to the education of others
5 by enabling several employees to attend mortuary school, many
6 of whom continue to successfully contribute to the funeral
7 home industry; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to professional contributions
9 to the funeral service industry as a board member and past
10 president of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association, a
11 former board member of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service,
12 and a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and
13 the Selected Independent Funeral Homes, Mr. Miles was an
14 active advocate in the community, serving as past District
15 Governor of Lions International, a member of the Masonic
16 Lodge, and Winfield City Councilman; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Miles has instilled in adults and
18 children alike a benevolent spirit of volunteerism and
19 community service, an invaluable gift and legacy which will
20 provide a positive and lasting influence on Marion County and
21 this entire state; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend
24 Jesse Whitfield Miles, Sr., for his extensive contributions to
25 the funeral service industry, as well as for his community

1 service and inspiration, and by copy of this resolution we
2 extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for future
3 success in all endeavors as he continues to faithfully serve
4 the residents of this great state.

