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3 By Representatives Buskey, Kennedy, Allen, Baker (A), Baker  
4 (L), Ball, Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beech, Bentley, Black,  
5 Boothe, Boyd, Bridges, Brown, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman,  
6 Collier, Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust,  
7 Fields, Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon,  
8 Graham, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett,  
9 Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard,  
10 Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Knight, Laird,  
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,  
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),  
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,  
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,  
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas  
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
19 RFD: Rules  
20 First Read: 13-APR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN FRANKLIN GRAY.  
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
6 news is received of the death of Mr. John Franklin Gray of  
7 Mobile, Alabama, on April 6, 2010, at the age of 87 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Gray leaves a deep void  
9 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
10 entire community; and

11 WHEREAS, born November 27, 1922, he was the son of  
12 Gable Gray and Alice Gray-Russell; he was a highly esteemed  
13 educator in the Mobile County Public School System for more  
14 than 50 years, receiving numerous honors and awards; a veteran  
15 of World War II, he was a member of the P. L. Wilson  
16 Detachment, Inc. #447, Marine Corps League and the Montford  
17 Point Marine Association, Inc.; in 2007, he was named Veteran  
18 of the Year by the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission,  
19 and he also starred in the Ken Burns Documentary, "The War";  
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21 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a  
22 longtime member of Big Zion AME Zion Church until his marriage  
23 in 2001 to Reverend Edwina Gray, Associate Minister at Hope  
24 Chapel AME Zion Church, where he became an active member until  
25 his death; and

1           WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved  
2 and loving wife, Reverend Edwina Gray; six children, John  
3 (Brenda) Gray, Rhonda Gray, Alice Gray, Gordon (Brenda) Gray,  
4 Danielle Gray, and Gable Gray; two stepdaughters, Angela  
5 (John) Stallworth and LaJeana (Kenneth) Williams; five  
6 grandchildren, Terrance, Kiristen, Deidra, Philip, and Tamara  
7 Gray; eight step-grandchildren, Brittany, Shantel, Xavier,  
8 Jasmine, Jakorey, Destiny, Kenneth, and Kenyon; cousins, Pearl  
9 Gray Daniels, Fred (Carol) Gray, and Thomas (Juanita) Gray;  
10 sister-in-law, Janie (Ronald) Heard; two great-grandchildren;  
11 and a number of additional caring relatives and friends; and

12           WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded  
13 in death by his first wife and the mother of his children,  
14 Ruth Ramsey Gray; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Gray was a valued member of the  
16 community whose presence will be greatly missed by those who  
17 were privileged to know him during the course of his long and  
18 productive lifetime; now therefore,

19           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John Franklin  
21 Gray is recorded with profound sadness, and this resolution is  
22 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
23 sympathy to his grieving family.

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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 14-APR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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