

1 HJR56
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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 16-JAN-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
4 WILLIAM JESSIE WHEAT.

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6 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
7 death of Mr. William Jessie Wheat of Chatom, Alabama, on
8 January 6, 2018, at 84 years of age, and we uplift his
9 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. William Jessie Wheat
12 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
13 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheat was born March 30, 1933, to the
15 union of Joe and Viola Burroughs Wheat; he proudly served four
16 years in the United States Navy and provided exceptional
17 service as the town marshal and Chief of Police of Chatom; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheat was a charter member of the
19 Fraternal Order of Police and became Chief Deputy of the
20 Washington County Sheriff's Department, serving under Henry
21 Clay Locke and Judson Sullivan; for 32 years, he served as the
22 Washington County Sheriff; and

23 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
24 wife of 60 years, Claudia Louise Wheat; children, Greg
25 (Janice) Wheat, Becky (Randy) Waddill, Misty (Mark) Davis;

1 grandchildren, Cristie McKenzie, Erica Adame, Natosha
2 Davidson, Stephanie Davidson, Jessica Sullivan, Bruce Davis,
3 and Justin Davis; and numerous great-grandchildren; and one
4 great-great-grandchild; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheat was a valued member of the
6 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
7 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
8 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
11 Mr. William Jessie Wheat, we are extremely grateful for his
12 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
13 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
14 and friends.

