

1 HJR352
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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING THE RED BAY GARDEN CLUB ON ITS 80TH
4 BIRTHDAY.

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6 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to recognize the Red
7 Bay Garden Club of Red Bay, Alabama, for 80 years of adding
8 beauty to the area and encouraging civic pride; and

9 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 18, 2018, in celebration
10 of its 80th birthday, a Red Maple Tree will be planted in Bay
11 Tree Park, by the Red Bay Garden Club and the Red Bay Tree
12 Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 25, 1937, a group of 12 flower
14 lovers and civic-minded women met with the purpose of
15 organizing a garden club; on March 25, 1937, the Red Bay
16 ladies held their second meeting and adopted the club's
17 constitution and bylaws; their dues were set at fifty cents;
18 in April 1937, the Red Bay Garden Club, with 25 members, was
19 federated into the Garden Club of Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, the first club members were an active,
21 energetic group, that planted "seeds of beauty" that are
22 enjoyed by Red Bay today; and the club members selected the
23 Crepe Myrtle as their Club Shrub and the Dogwood as their Club
24 Tree; the club grew in flower culture, garden construction,
25 and civic improvement with a contagious enthusiasm; their

1 first flower show was held October 10, 1937, with 84 entries
2 and 70 awards; their first field trip was to Tishomingo State
3 Park to observe the beauty of nature; and

4 WHEREAS, the founding club members began many
5 projects that formed the club's foundation, including the
6 Cemetery Committee for the upkeep of the City Cemetery,
7 Christmas lighting contest to encourage decorating outside of
8 homes, flower shows to encourage city beautification by
9 growing flowers; horticulture to study landscaping and care of
10 trees; in 1939, the Red Bay Garden Club planted 100 oak trees
11 on Red Bay's Main Street Entrance, which became known as the
12 "Tunnel of Trees"; and

13 WHEREAS, over the past 80 years, the Red Bay Garden
14 Club has helped with many charitable events, including the Red
15 Cross, March of Dimes and Cancer Clinic; members also
16 sponsored the Girl Scouts and established a Teenage Garden
17 Club in 1950; and

18 WHEREAS, a truly valuable asset to the community,
19 the Red Bay Garden Club has been a source of environmental
20 inspiration, providing beauty and serenity for residents and
21 visitors and encouraging the love and care of nature's gifts;
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we heartily congratulate the
25 Red Bay Garden Club on its 80 years of service to Red Bay,

1 Alabama, and amid the challenges in our modern world, it is a
2 joy to pause and offer tribute to an organization devoted to
3 making this world a more beautiful place.

