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3 By Representative Morrow  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE FREDRIC ROSEMORE PATRIOTISM AWARD.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with utmost pride and pleasure that  
11 we recognize the establishment of the Fredric Rosemore  
12 Patriotism Award in honor of patriot, philanthropist, and  
13 American hero Fredric Rosemore, OD, DOS, FAAO; and

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

20 WHEREAS, volunteering for the Army Air Corps a year  
21 before he was legally eligible, Dr. Rosemore completed 22  
22 combat missions as a B-17 navigator during World War II;  
23 during his final mission, his plane was shot down over Hungary  
24 and the crew, including Dr. Rosemore, was taken prisoner,  
25 tortured, and interned in a Nazi prison camp; Dr. Rosemore was  
26 rescued by the Army Corps of Engineers and eventually returned  
27 to the United States a decorated war hero; in recognition of

1 his bravery, he was awarded the prestigious Air Medal Oak Leaf  
2 Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation, five Battle Stars, a  
3 Prisoner of War Medal, and two Purple Hearts; and

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a devoted and beloved father, husband,  
27 grandfather, and great-grandfather, Dr. Rosemore loved his

1 wife, Marion, his children, Andy, Lance, Martha, Susan, and  
2 Margaret, as well as his grandchildren and  
3 great-grandchildren, above all else; and

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

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
26 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.