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3 By Representative Morrow
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RECOGNIZING THE FREDRIC ROSEMORE PATRIOTISM AWARD.

WHEREAS, it is with utmost pride and pleasure that we recognize the establishment of the Fredric Rosemore Patriotism Award in honor of patriot, philanthropist, and American hero Fredric Rosemore, OD, DOS, FAA0; and

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

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