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4 Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black, Boothe,
5 Boyd, Bridges, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman, Collier,
6 Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields,
7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, 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,
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

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAUL
9 R. JONES.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
12 Paul R. Jones of Atlanta at the age of 81 years; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Bessemer, Mr. Jones graduated
14 from Dunbar High School and attended Alabama State University,
15 ultimately completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in political
16 science at Howard University; he later pursued graduate
17 coursework at Howard University, Queens College, Yale
18 University, the University of Chicago, and the University of
19 California, before earning his Master of Arts degree in Urban
20 Studies from Governor's State University, Park Forrest South,
21 Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, a committed civil rights activist, Mr.
23 Jones served as the executive of the Birmingham Interracial
24 Committee of the Jefferson County Coordinating Council for
25 Social Forces, known then as the Community Chest; he held jobs
26 with the federal government for over 15 years before becoming
27 deputy director of the Peace Corps in Thailand; and

1 WHEREAS, although he was never independently
2 wealthy, Mr. Jones began collecting African American art
3 during the 1960s, after noting the under-representation of
4 such art in public galleries; his collection ultimately grew
5 to include thousands of pieces, a number of which were
6 displayed at the University of Delaware; he would later donate
7 several hundred pieces, at a value of over \$3 million, to the
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, despite having been turned down by The
10 University of Alabama School of Law during the segregation
11 era, Mr. Jones made a donation of over 1,700 pieces of art to
12 The University in 2008; this collection is valued at over \$5
13 million; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is survived by his son, P. R.
15 Jones of California; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' passing is a great loss to his
17 family, friends, and members of the community who remember him
18 as a man who gave much of himself, even to those who were not
19 always so generous to him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with deep appreciation and
22 esteem the life of Mr. Paul R. Jones is hereby celebrated in
23 this special tribute and that, by copy of this resolution, we
24 extend our sincere gratitude and heartfelt condolences to his
25 family.