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3 By Representatives Scott, Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L), Ball,  
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, Greenson, 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  
20 First Read: 09-FEB-10

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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.