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3 By Representative Robinson (J)  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 28-JAN-10

ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. CHARLES RAYMOND BRADFORD,  
JR.

WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of Mr. Charles Raymond Bradford, Jr., of Scottsboro at the age of 89 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jackson County, Mr. Bradford was a graduate of Jackson County High School and a magna cum laude graduate of Auburn University; he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Scabbard and Blade, and an honor graduate of R.O.T.C. with the rank of Cadet Colonel; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Bradford served as a forward observer for field artillery at the Battle of the Bulge at Ardennes, Belgium, and was captured when his division of 10,000 men was cut off from the rest of the United States Army; Mr. Bradford spent six months in German prisoner of war camps, until he was freed in May 1945; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the war in Europe, Mr. Bradford helped recruit 164 young men to join the local National Guard unit, Company B; shortly thereafter, Company B was activated for duty in Korea and Mr. Bradford declined the opportunity to stay home; while in Korea, Mr.

1 Bradford found his company of 164 about to be isolated on a  
2 mountain and made command decisions that saved their lives;  
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford was a pillar of the community;  
5 he was a member of the Scottsboro Rotary Club and a Paul  
6 Harris Fellow, a member of the Scottsboro Civitan Club, and a  
7 former member of the Scottsboro City Board of Education; he  
8 served in a variety of leadership positions at St. Luke's  
9 Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, a successful farmer and businessman, Mr.  
11 Bradford was former co-owner of General Equipment Company in  
12 Scottsboro; he served as president of the Alabama Farm and  
13 Power Equipment Dealers Association and as a director for the  
14 National Farm and Power Equipment Dealers Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford was preceded in death by his  
16 wife of 59 years, Ruth Moody Bradford; grandsons, Jennings  
17 Bradford and Charles Butler Smith; sisters, Sara Bradford  
18 Borden and Marion Bradford Blakely; and his parents, Charles  
19 Raymond Bradford, Sr., and Catherine Johnson Bradford; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford is survived by his daughter,  
21 Bunnie (Mike) Smith; son, Brad (Nancy) Bradford;  
22 grandchildren, Chad and Emily Bradford, Walton and Leslie  
23 Bradford, Bo Bradford, Bradford and Jenny Smith, Sterling  
24 Smith, Adair Smith, and Rob Yatko; great-grandchildren,  
25 Collins Bradford, Smith Bradford, Banks Bradford, Dulaney

1                   Smith, and Rutledge Smith; brother and sister-in-law, Jep and  
2                   Glenda Moody; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend,  
3                   Linda Brown; and

4                   WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford was a genuine American hero  
5                   whose exceptional life reflects honor on him, his country, and  
6                   the State of Alabama; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with appreciation and  
9                   gratitude, the life of Mr. Charles Raymond Bradford, Jr., is  
10                  honored in this special tribute, and by copy of this  
11                  resolution, deepest condolences are extended to his family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 02-FEB-10.

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