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3 By Representative Beech  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 02-FEB-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SAMMIE JOE LAURIE.  
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
6 news is received of the death of Mr. Sammie Joe Laurie of  
7 Chatom, Alabama, on December 14, 2009, at the age of 63 years;  
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurie was a prominent attorney and  
10 esteemed civic leader who served as municipal judge for the  
11 City of Chatom from 1972-1979 and as city attorney from 1980  
12 until his death; in addition, he was also serving as municipal  
13 judge for the Town of McIntosh, a position he had held for 27  
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Marion Military Institute and  
16 The University of Alabama Law School, Mr. Laurie began his law  
17 practice in Chatom in 1972; he was a descendant of one of  
18 Washington County's pioneer families, the Wilkins family, who  
19 lived in Healing Springs, where Mr. Laurie's grandfather, S.  
20 J. "Bud" Wilkins, was born; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurie was a member of Chatom First  
22 Baptist Church and held many roles of civic leadership  
23 including serving on the Chatom Library Board, the Chatom  
24 Utilities Board, and the Chatom Housing Authority; he was a  
25 former chairman of the Washington County United Way; and

1           WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved  
2 wife, Sherry M. Laurie; daughters, Jennifer Lambert and Rachel  
3 Reynolds; and a number of additional devoted relatives and  
4 friends; and

5           WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Laurie earned  
6 widespread respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional  
7 abilities while making numerous far-reaching contributions to  
8 his beloved community; his presence will be greatly missed by  
9 those who were privileged to know him, but his legacy will  
10 endure far into the future; now therefore,

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Sammie Joe  
13 Laurie is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
14 offered in highest tribute to his life of achievement and  
15 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving 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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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 04-FEB-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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