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3 By Representatives McClurkin, Johnson, Collier, DeMarco,
4 Payne, Treadaway, Canfield, McCutcheon, McDaniel, Love, Allen
5 and Coleman
6 RFD: Rules
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ENROLLED. House Joint Resolution.

HONORING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOE LEE
GRIFFIN HOPE LODGE OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodges provide a home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers by providing free overnight lodging during treatment; and

WHEREAS, guests and their families at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodges are supported by positive and comforting volunteers from the local community, who provide transportation to treatment and social enrichment activities, or facilitate cancer support programs offered by the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society named the Birmingham Hope Lodge in memory of longtime volunteer leader and supporter, Joe Lee Griffin, who lost both his first and second wives to cancer before losing his own battle with the disease in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge opened its doors in January 2000 and is the only such facility in the state, and is one of just 29 nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers and staff of the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge work tirelessly to provide a nurturing and

1 encouraging environment for Alabamians who are battling
2 cancer, easing the financial and emotional burdens of the
3 disease; and

4 WHEREAS, volunteers at the Joe Lee Griffin Hope
5 Lodge have provided an average of 40 hours of volunteer work
6 every week since January 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2009, the Joe Lee Griffin
8 Hope Lodge provided 11,284 occupied room nights, saving guests
9 an estimated \$1.3 million in lodging expenses alone, while
10 serving a total of 494 families from 11 states with an average
11 length of stay of 12 days; in addition, cancer patients
12 staying at the facility were furnished a total of 6,700 round
13 trips to treatment in the Birmingham area; and

14 WHEREAS, the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge has been
15 home away from home for approximately 3,000 cancer patients
16 since January 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, the volunteers and staff of the Joe Lee
18 Griffin Hope Lodge work to ensure that cancer patients do not
19 have to go without the most advanced treatment available based
20 solely on the fact that they cannot afford to travel outside
21 their own communities to receive care; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the volunteers and staff of
24 the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge in Birmingham are honored and
25 commended for ten years of community service and their ongoing

1 efforts to create a warm and welcoming temporary home for
2 cancer patients, and this resolution is offered in highest
3 tribute and deepest gratitude for reducing cancer care
4 disparities and improving the quality of life for cancer
5 patients and their families.

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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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House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 09-FEB-10.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

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Senate

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