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3 By Representatives Barton, Ison, Fincher and Gaston
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 21-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CONGRATULATING CHRISTINE WHITELEY ON RECEIVING
4 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

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6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Christine Whiteley was named Citizen
7 of the Year by the Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whiteley has faced many obstacles in
9 her life and overcome them with fierce determination, hard
10 work, and dedication; and

11 WHEREAS, upon learning that her two-year-old son,
12 Brian, had survived Spinal Meningitis only to be left
13 profoundly deaf by the experience, Mrs. Whiteley took her son
14 to the Mobile Rehab Center, where she and Brian learned sign
15 language together; and

16 WHEREAS, unwilling to enroll her son in a boarding
17 school for the deaf, Mrs. Whiteley and her family relocated to
18 Atlanta, leaving behind the lives they had built, so that
19 Brian could attend an elementary school for the deaf and still
20 live at home; while in Atlanta, Mrs. Whiteley enrolled in a
21 community college, where she studied Interpretation for the
22 Deaf; she applied her skills while employed as an Interpreter
23 in the Atlanta Public School System, where Brian was able to
24 attend a hearing high school and enjoy all the experiences
25 that any other teenager would; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whiteley worked closely with other
2 parents and Members of the Alabama Legislature to obtain
3 funding for smaller classes and other benefits for deaf
4 students; she and others were instrumental in establishing the
5 school for the deaf and blind at Baker School; the school has
6 since been transferred to the Regional School for the Deaf and
7 Blind; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whiteley has dedicated her life to
9 making a difference in the lives of the deaf community; she
10 has taught night classes, so that families of deaf individuals
11 could learn sign language; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whiteley, whose father passed away
13 from lung cancer, has been very involved with the fund-raising
14 and other efforts of the American Cancer Society; she has
15 served in a variety of offices with the Society and has worked
16 closely with schools, to encourage students to participate in
17 the study of cancer at a young age; Mrs. Whiteley has spent
18 many hours working with the Relay for Life campaign; now
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the heartiest congratulations
22 are extended to Mrs. Christine Whiteley for receiving the
23 Tillman's Corner Citizen of the Year Award, and this
24 resolution is offered with highest tribute and deepest
25 appreciation to her, on the momentous occasion of being

1 honored by her fellow citizens whose love and esteem she has
2 earned.

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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
9 and was adopted by the House 26-JAN-10.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

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