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Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,
Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,
Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,
Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,
Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,
McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),
Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford,
Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas
(J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams
(J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

RFD: Rules

First Read: 09-FEB-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAUL
4 R. JONES.
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6 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
7 Paul R. Jones of Atlanta at the age of 81 years; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Bessemer, Mr. Jones graduated
9 from Dunbar High School and attended Alabama State University,
10 ultimately completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in political
11 science at Howard University; he later pursued graduate
12 coursework at Howard University, Queens College, Yale
13 University, the University of Chicago, and the University of
14 California, before earning his Master of Arts degree in Urban
15 Studies from Governor's State University, Park Forrest South,
16 Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, a committed civil rights activist, Mr.
18 Jones served as the executive of the Birmingham Interracial
19 Committee of the Jefferson County Coordinating Council for
20 Social Forces, known then as the Community Chest; he held jobs
21 with the federal government for over 15 years before becoming
22 deputy director of the Peace Corps in Thailand; and

23 WHEREAS, although he was never independently
24 wealthy, Mr. Jones began collecting African American art
25 during the 1960s, after noting the under-representation of

1 such art in public galleries; his collection ultimately grew
2 to include thousands of pieces, a number of which were
3 displayed at the University of Delaware; he would later donate
4 several hundred pieces, at a value of over \$3 million, to the
5 University; and

6 WHEREAS, despite having been turned down by The
7 University of Alabama School of Law during the segregation
8 era, Mr. Jones made a donation of over 1,700 pieces of art to
9 The University in 2008; this collection is valued at over \$5
10 million; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is survived by his son, P. R.
12 Jones of California; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' passing is a great loss to his
14 family, friends, and members of the community who remember him
15 as a man who gave much of himself, even to those who were not
16 always so generous to him; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with deep appreciation and
19 esteem the life of Mr. Paul R. Jones is hereby celebrated in
20 this special tribute and that, by copy of this resolution, we
21 extend our sincere gratitude and heartfelt condolences to his
22 family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 11-FEB-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

17-FEB-10

Adopted