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3 By Representatives Sherer and Guin  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 19-JAN-10

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2       ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN CURTIS POE.

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5               WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss  
6       that news is received of the death of an Alabama statesman,  
7       Mr. John Curtis Poe, on December 25, 2009, at the age of 77;  
8       and

9               WHEREAS, Mr. Poe was the longtime chairman of the  
10       Walker County Republican Party and a representative in the  
11       Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature, where he ably represented  
12       the concerns of senior citizens; and

13               WHEREAS, born in Cordova on February 20, 1932, and  
14       endowed with a deep-seated sense of civic responsibility, he  
15       became an Eagle Scout at the age of 16 and earned a Bachelor's  
16       Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama at  
17       Birmingham; a proud patriot and veteran, he served with honor  
18       and distinction in the United States Navy; and

19               WHEREAS, Mr. Poe is remembered for more than 31  
20       years of service as a Captain with the Alabama Marine Police,  
21       and was also retired from the United States Coast Guard  
22       Reserve as an intelligence agent; his civic leadership roles  
23       included serving as state president of the Fraternal Order of  
24       Police, and he was an active member of Mount Vernon Baptist  
25       Church as well as a number of community organizations; and

1                   WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved  
2 and loving wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Sue Guthrie Poe; sons,  
3 J. C. (Patty) Poe, Jr., and Douglas McRae (Beth) Poe;  
4 daughter, Elaine (Sherywon) Calvert; grandsons, Brett Calvert,  
5 Matthew (Nicole) Poe, and Taylor Poe; granddaughters, Beth  
6 Calvert (James) Donohue and Anne Elisabeth Poe;  
7 great-grandchildren, Annalise Calvert, Andrew Curtis Poe, and  
8 Elijah Coleman; and a host of additional devoted relatives and  
9 friends; and

10                  WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,  
11 John Kelly and Martha Underwood Poe; sisters, Rosella Evans,  
12 Gertrude Treese Garrison, and June Heathcock; brothers, Willie  
13 Poe, Melvin Poe, and Deward Poe; and

14                  WHEREAS, Mr. Poe was admired for his work ethic and  
15 the depth of his knowledge about the political process; while  
16 his presence will be greatly missed by those who were  
17 privileged to know him, he leaves a legacy of far-reaching  
18 civic contributions that will endure for future generations;  
19 now therefore,

20                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John Curtis  
22 Poe is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
23 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
24 to his grieving family and all those he leaves bereft.

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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

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 21-JAN-10.

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Senate

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