

1 HJR57
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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;
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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

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 21-JAN-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

17-FEB-10

Adopted