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Boyd, Bridges, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman, Curtis,
Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields, Fincher,
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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, Scott, 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: 11-FEB-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CHARLIE WILSON
4 OF TEXAS.

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6 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
7 former United States Congressman Charlie Wilson of Texas at
8 the age of 76 years; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Trinity, Texas, Congressman
10 Wilson graduated from Trinity High School in 1951 and from the
11 United States Naval Academy in 1956; he went on to a
12 distinguished stint as a surface fleet officer and was later
13 reassigned to the Pentagon as part of a special intelligence
14 unit; and

15 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson was elected to the Texas
16 Legislature in 1961 and the United States House of
17 Representatives in 1971; he served in the House of
18 Representatives until retirement in 1996; and

19 WHEREAS, a flamboyant and charismatic archetypical
20 "Texas" character, Mr. Wilson served on the powerful
21 Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs, from which
22 positions he pursued his particular interest in promoting
23 United States interests abroad; he is best known for his role
24 in engineering the defeat of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan,
25 for which he has been honored in print and on film;

1 Congressman Wilson fought for years to increase aid and
2 support to Afghan guerillas against America's greatest
3 international rival; and

4 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson's vision and leadership
5 in the Afghan affair contributed immeasurably to hastening the
6 end of the Cold War by denying the Soviet Union's desired
7 domination of south Asia and damaging the former Super Power's
8 reputation for military superiority; in 1993, seven years
9 after the Soviet defeat, 100 members of the Central
10 Intelligence Agency, including CIA Director James Woolsey,
11 awarded Congressman Wilson the Honored Colleague award, the
12 first such presentation to anyone outside the intelligence
13 service; and

14 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson had since retired to
15 Lufkin, Texas; he is survived by his wife, Barbara Alberstadt
16 Wilson; and sister, Sharon Allison; and

17 WHEREAS, it is right and proper that all Americans
18 honor Congressman Wilson for his contributions to victory in
19 the Cold War and national security in general; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the life and service of the
22 Honorable Charlie Wilson are hereby celebrated in this special
23 tribute and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our
24 heartfelt gratitude and condolences to his 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 16-FEB-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

23-MAR-10

Adopted