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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Ball, McCutcheon, Taylor,
4 Hinshaw, Williams (P) and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 23-FEB-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH NELSON RUSHTON, JR.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an
6 inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the death
7 of Mr. Joseph Nelson "Jack" Rushton, Jr., of Huntsville,
8 Alabama, on February 2, 2010, at the age of 67 years; and

9 WHEREAS, an alumnus of Auburn University, Mr.
10 Rushton was an esteemed and beloved teacher who had retired
11 after 15 years of dedicated service at Challenger Middle
12 School; he was also a retiree of R. J. Reynolds, where his
13 career had spanned 23 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Rushton enthralled the students in his
15 eighth-grade history class with his encyclopedic knowledge and
16 sparkling personality; his funny stories became legendary, and
17 students looked forward to being in his class, where his
18 extreme optimism lifted the spirits of everyone he
19 encountered; he was also a devoted family man and lover of
20 music who was admired for his work ethic and strength of
21 character; and

22 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
23 wife, Judy Rushton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson and
24 Vivian Rushton, and Reese and Kimberly Rushton; two cherished

1 grandchildren, Benjamin and Zachary Rushton; and a brother,
2 Dan Rushton; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Rushton loved American history and his
4 students, for whom he was a combination of hero, role model,
5 and mentor, consistently going beyond the call of duty to have
6 a positive impact on the many lives he touched; through the
7 years, Mr. Rushton taught life lessons as well as history, and
8 he gave the gift of confidence to the students he motivated to
9 achieve their full potential; although his presence will be
10 greatly missed, his memory will live on in the lives of those
11 who were privileged to have him as a teacher and friend; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Joseph Nelson
15 Rushton, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
16 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life along
17 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family and all those
18 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 25-FEB-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

23-MAR-10

Adopted