

1 HJR516
2 119437-2
3 By Representatives Boothe and Spicer
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 03-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING MARY VON BERG ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

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5 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
6 commendations and congratulations to Mary Von Berg on the
7 occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 9, 2010;
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9 WHEREAS, born Mary Malinda Ratliff on March 9, 1910,
10 on the Johnson Ranch outside of Powell Butte, Oregon, she
11 remembers as a child of about five, walking behind a covered
12 wagon as her family moved to the Willamette Valley; at the age
13 of seven, her mother died in an influenza outbreak, and the
14 six siblings were placed in an orphanage, where they were
15 adopted to separate families; they were not reunited until she
16 was in her mid to late thirties; and

17 WHEREAS, in June of 1926 she married and moved to
18 the Sacramento area of California; she had three sons,
19 Kenneth, Donald, and Charles; she and her husband, Russell Von
20 Berg, were married for 26 years, and they were tireless
21 workers assisting developmentally challenged adults in the
22 Kainos Group Home in San Bruno, California; and

23 WHEREAS, she has been a resident of Enterprise,
24 Alabama, since 1992, having moved there to reside with her
25 widowed daughter-in-law, Lois Underwood; and

1 WHEREAS, until the age of 97, she bowled twice a
2 week in a senior bowling league; in addition, she learned to
3 use the computer, corresponding via E-mail with family members
4 across the country as well as working with photography
5 software to reproduce the many family pictures she collected;
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7 WHEREAS, she is beloved by her surviving son, three
8 daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren,
9 and 17 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom join in joyous
10 celebration of her 100th Birthday; and

11 WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned
12 widespread respect for her keen mind, kind heart, and
13 indomitable spirit, and in her Centennial Year she continues
14 to be a source of inspiration to all those who are privileged
15 to know her; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mary Von Berg is honored and
18 commended on the occasion of celebrating the milestone of her
19 100th Birthday, and this resolution is offered in highest
20 tribute to her remarkable life, along with heartiest
21 congratulations and best wishes for the future.

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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

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 04-MAR-10.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

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Senate

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