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3 By Representatives Sherer and Guin
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 25-MAR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. CHARLES E. YOW.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
6 news is received of the death of an extraordinary Alabamian,
7 Mr. Charles E. Yow of Sumiton, at the age of 70 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Yow was a dedicated civic leader and
9 was widely known for his 46-year career as the provider of
10 famous fishing tackle such as the Eagle Claw hook to thousands
11 of sportsmen across the southeast; and

12 WHEREAS, born July 20, 1939, in rural Walker County,
13 he attended a one-room schoolhouse in Burnwell, Alabama, and
14 graduated from Dora High School in 1957; beginning in 1963,
15 Mr. Yow was employed as a sales representative for a number of
16 well-known companies in the fishing tackle industry; in 2003,
17 the Wright and McGill Company named him Representative of the
18 Year, the only time the award was given to a southerner; Mr.
19 Yow's vocation allowed him to travel widely and meet many
20 celebrities and statesmen including Porter Wagoner, Ted
21 Williams, and Presidents Jimmy Carter and George H. Bush; and

22 WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, Mr. Yow moved to Sumiton
23 and opened a country store in Burnwell, followed by a sporting
24 goods store, where he gave employment to many young people
25 through the years; he also purchased Bush Hog Spinner Baits,

1 originator of the much-admired lures that are still made by
2 disabled veterans in the Veterans Hospital in Tuscaloosa; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Yow was a believer in the political
4 process as a means of improving the lives of his fellowman; in
5 2000, he was elected to the City Council of Sumiton and served
6 two terms; he was a loyal supporter of the local Democratic
7 Party and attended rallies throughout the county, where he was
8 always outspoken and refused to compromise on issues he
9 believed to be right, regardless of the political or personal
10 risk; among his many community contributions, Mr. Yow was
11 instrumental in developing the recreational parks program of
12 Sumiton and also coached in the Dizzy Dean program,
13 successfully leading the team of 17- to 18-year-olds to the
14 World Series in Johnson City, Tennessee; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Yow organized the Celebrate
16 Sumiton observance in honor of the city's 50th Birthday; he
17 also supported and promoted the Frog Festival, an arts and
18 crafts festival drawing some 10,000 visitors to Sumiton
19 annually; he was an avid supporter of all high school sports,
20 and was admired for sponsoring the Kids' Fishing Day at Dora
21 Park, generously donating cane poles and tackle boxes filled
22 with supplies; and

23 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
24 wife of 25 years, Joan Mincey Yow; one son, Chuck Yow; two
25 stepchildren, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Yow was a valued member of the
2 community and although his presence will be greatly missed,
3 his legacy will endure for future generations; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Charles E.
6 Yow is recorded with deep sadness, and by copy of this
7 resolution, heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving
8 family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 30-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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