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3 By Representatives Canfield, Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L),
4 Ball, Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black,
5 Boothe, Boyd, Bridges, Buskey, Clouse, Coleman, Collier,
6 Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields,
7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren
19 RFD: Rules
20 First Read: 21-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING AND PROCLAIMING "THE BIG READ," AN
4 INITIATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS IN
5 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES.
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7 WHEREAS, The Big Read is an initiative of The
8 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with the
9 Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to
10 revitalize the role of literature in American culture and
11 bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of
12 its citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, a 2004 report by the NEA, entitled Reading
14 at Risk, found that not only is literacy in America rapidly
15 declining among all groups, but that the rate of decline has
16 accelerated, especially among the youth; and

17 WHEREAS, The Big Read aims to increase literacy by
18 promoting reading for pleasure among all ages by encouraging
19 readers to revisit the "classics"; the first "Big Read"
20 selected is The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain; and

21 WHEREAS, the Alabama Public Libraries are working to
22 build partnerships with local officials, businesses,
23 organizations, and schools to offer educational and fun
24 activities that will focus around the selected "Big Read"
25 title; and

1 WHEREAS, The Big Read is also made possible by
2 grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the
3 National Endowment for the Arts, and local grant funding
4 across the state; and

5 WHEREAS, all citizens of Alabama are encouraged to
6 visit their local public library during the months of February
7 through April 2010, to check out books, audio-books, and DVDs
8 of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, the first "Big Read," and by
9 participating, readers will receive discussion guides to
10 promote reading groups throughout their communities; now
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with great pleasure, "The Big
14 Read" is hereby recognized and the months of February through
15 April 2010 are hereby proclaimed "The Big Read" initiative.

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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 26-JAN-10.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

06-APR-10

Adopted