

1 HJR107
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3 By Representatives Merrill, England, Clouse and Poole
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF LAWRENCE HENNESSEY.

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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
6 received of the death of Lawrence "Dude" Hennessey on March 2,
7 2011, who was born December 23, 1929, in Covington, Kentucky;
8 Dude coached the defensive line for Coach Paul Bryant at The
9 University of Alabama from 1960 through 1976 and was one of
10 the most colorful and popular football coaches in the history
11 of The University of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, Dude earned his degree in business
13 administration while playing defensive end at the University
14 of Kentucky under Coach Bryant; he went on to coach the
15 freshmen team at the University of Kentucky, a high school
16 team in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and served as head coach at
17 St. Xavier in Louisville before coaching at The University of
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, coaching through four national championship
20 teams at The University of Alabama, Coach Hennessey was
21 described by a sportswriter as "the coaching staff's
22 cheerleader, its funnybone, its alter ego, its colorful blithe
23 spirit"; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was preceded in death by
2 his parents, John and Catherine Hennessey; brother, Jack
3 Hennessey; and his infant son, John Duke Hennessey; and

4 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
5 wife of 37 years, Carole Fields Hennessey; stepchildren Becky
6 (Tommy) Satterfield and John Hulsey; his daughters, Haviland
7 Hennessey (John Blue) Smith and Maggie Hennessey Nees;
8 grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Ginny Blue Smith, Madeline Nees,
9 Hudson Nees, Lily Nees, and Milyn Satterfield; sister, Frances
10 Ellen Love; nephew, Tony Love; niece, Mary Catherine Love;
11 great nephew, Jeffery Love; sister-in-law, Anne Fields Lewis;
12 and brother-in-law, Wallace M. Lewis; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was a loving husband,
14 father, grandfather, and uncle, who dedicated his life to
15 serving young athletes, students, and alumni at his beloved
16 University of Alabama; his presence will be greatly missed by
17 many; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Coach Lawrence
20 "Dude" Hennessey is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of
21 this resolution we convey our highest esteem and heartfelt
22 sympathy to his grieving family and friends.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 22-MAR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

24-MAR-11

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