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3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 29-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. JOHN L. CASHIN.  
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
6 news of the death of Dr. John L. Cashin of Huntsville,  
7 Alabama, on March 21, 2011, at the age of 82 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Cashin leaves a void in  
9 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
10 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded  
11 as an icon of the Civil Rights Movement; among the milestones  
12 of his remarkable life, he was the first Black to run for  
13 Governor of the State of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, born April 16, 1928, in Huntsville, he was  
15 a precocious youth who started kindergarten at the age of  
16 three and was co-valedictorian with his older brother in their  
17 Alabama A and M High School graduating class; he spent two  
18 years at Fisk University, attended Tennessee State University,  
19 earned his D.D.S. degree from Meharry Medical School in 1952,  
20 and then entered the United States Army, where he attained the  
21 rank of First Lieutenant and Chief of Dental Services for  
22 soldiers stationed near Fontainebleau, France; and

23 WHEREAS, after returning to the United States, he  
24 became active in the Civil Rights Movement and achieved  
25 national prominence in the late 1960s when he founded the

1 National Democratic Party of Alabama as an alternative to the  
2 Alabama Democratic Party, which was considered racially  
3 exclusive; by 1970, his party had helped elect more than 100  
4 Blacks to local offices, and Dr. Cashin took the dramatic step  
5 of running for Governor in opposition to George Wallace; Dr.  
6 Cashin received 125,491 votes, approximately 15 percent; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to his ground-breaking  
8 gubernatorial campaign, Dr. Cashin ran for Mayor of Huntsville  
9 in 1964 and led a delegation to the 1968 Democratic National  
10 Convention, challenging Alabama's regular delegation; and

11 WHEREAS, through the years, Dr. Cashin earned  
12 respect for his exceptional abilities and unwavering  
13 commitment to justice and equality; although his presence will  
14 be missed, his legacy will endure and his memory will be  
15 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate  
16 to know him; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. John L.  
19 Cashin is recorded with deep sadness and, by copy of this  
20 resolution to his daughter, Sheryll D. Cashin, we convey our  
21 heartfelt sympathy to his family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 31-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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