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3 By Representatives Hurst, Johnson (R) and Boyd
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 29-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING BERTHA ANSLEY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER
4 103RD BIRTHDAY.

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6 WHEREAS, we take great pride and special pleasure in
7 honoring Bertha Ansley of Talladega, Alabama, on the recent
8 celebration of the occasion of her 103rd birthday in December,
9 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, Christmas and Mrs. Ansley's birthday are
11 close together and the holiday has become an annual, week-long
12 celebration for her entire family; in 2010 the special
13 occasion was marked in the usual tradition of Mrs. Ansley's
14 family and friends gathering at the home where she has lived
15 for almost 40 years; and

16 WHEREAS, part of the fun of the tradition is
17 decorating the home for the holidays; Mrs. Ansley's favorite
18 color is green, the color of her favorite gift, money; her
19 home was decorated with 10 interior Christmas trees, garlands
20 and lights, and a yard filled with decorations; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2010 celebration included her daughter,
22 Peggy Gilliland; son, Jerry Ansley; grandsons, Barry and Chris
23 Gilliland; granddaughter, Jenny Gilliland; former
24 next-door-neighbors, Bud and Judy Harville; and a host of
25 other family and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Bertha Ansley was born in Rockmart,
2 Georgia, and her family, which included nine brothers and
3 sisters, moved to Talladega when Mrs. Ansley was only four
4 years old; Mrs. Ansley recalls her first job working at Acme
5 Knitting in Anniston for \$7.20 per week and soon tripling her
6 salary to \$18 weekly elsewhere; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ansley was married to her late
8 husband, Austin Ansley, for 50 years before his death in 1986
9 and tells the younger set that the best way to stay married is
10 "to just keep your mouth shut!"; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ansley has been witness to remarkable
12 events for over a century; her remarkable long life has been a
13 source of joy and gratitude for her family and friends and she
14 deserves acclaim from the citizens of the State of Alabama;
15 now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Bertha Ansley is heartily
18 congratulated on the occasion of her 103rd birthday, a
19 milestone attained by few, and this resolution is offered in
20 highest tribute to her along with best wishes for continuing
21 health and happiness.

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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 31-MAR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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