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3 By Representatives Holmes, McClammy, Knight, Wren, Love and
4 Hubbard (J)
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 31-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIE ROGERS JONES.

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5 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
6 receive news of the death of Mr. Willie Rogers Jones of
7 Montgomery, Alabama, on March 25, 2011, at the age of 55
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, the untimely death of Mr. Jones leaves a
10 void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and
11 the entire community, where he was well-known and highly
12 regarded for his work on behalf of youth; he served the YMCA
13 as a Senior Vice President and was Executive Director of the
14 Cleveland Avenue YMCA for 15 years; and

15 WHEREAS, born in Montgomery on April 3, 1955, he was
16 a graduate of George Washington Carver High School and Alabama
17 State University; he began participating in YMCA programs as a
18 teenager and worked part time as an aquatics instructor at the
19 Cleveland Avenue YMCA in 1968; and

20 WHEREAS, among his notable community contributions,
21 he conducted the famous Father/Son Banquets at the Cleveland
22 Avenue YMCA, attracting top sports talent to inspire young men
23 and their fathers; and

24 WHEREAS, his additional civic affiliations included
25 the Montgomery Housing Authority Board of Directors and the

1 Montgomery County Recreation Commission; he was a longtime
2 member of the Mt. Zion AME Zion Church; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to his unwavering commitment to
4 enhancing the lives of underprivileged children, Mr. Jones was
5 passionate about giving nonviolent offenders an alternative to
6 prison and a second chance, focusing on this ideal in his role
7 as chairman of the Montgomery County Community Punishment and
8 Corrections Authority; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was a fixture in city and county
10 meetings, where he always advocated for those without a voice;
11 in 2000, he was instrumental in establishing the Cleveland
12 Avenue Cultural Arts and Education Center, the largest YMCA
13 facility in the country dedicated entirely to the arts; and

14 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Versie
15 Jones, and two children, Jeff and Jennifer; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' far-reaching contributions to
17 young people and the City of Montgomery are unparalleled;
18 although his presence will be missed, his legacy will endure
19 and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of
20 those who were fortunate to know him during the brief span of
21 his lifetime; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Mr.
24 Willie Rogers Jones is recorded with deep sadness, and this

1 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
2 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.

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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 05-APR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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