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3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 19-APR-11

8 RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF THE UNION CHAPEL  
9 FAMILY LIFE CENTER IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLES L. RAY, JR.

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11 WHEREAS, the Union Chapel Family Life Center of the  
12 Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church is being named in honor  
13 of Mr. Charles L. Ray, Jr., in well-deserved recognition of  
14 his philanthropy and lifelong service; and

15 WHEREAS, the dedication ceremony is scheduled for  
16 April 30, 2011; the Family Life Center is designed to provide  
17 health and wellness programs as well as recreational programs  
18 to enhance the emotional, social, mental, spiritual, and  
19 physical balance in the lives of the members of Union Chapel  
20 Missionary Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, a native of Huntsville, Mr. Ray is known  
22 for his volunteerism, community leadership, and professional  
23 achievement, highlighted by his distinguished career as Equal  
24 Employment Opportunity Program Manager at Redstone Arsenal,  
25 where he served with dedication from 1971 until his retirement  
26 in 2001; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Ray earned a Bachelor of Science Degree  
2 in History and a Master's Degree in Urban Studies from Alabama  
3 A and M University, and an Associate Degree in Mortuary  
4 Science from Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham,  
5 Alabama; he also served his country with pride and patriotism  
6 as a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

7                   WHEREAS, Mr. Ray is esteemed as an educator,  
8 businessman, and humanitarian whose contributions to his  
9 fellowman are innumerable, most notably in his unwavering  
10 commitment to serve the underserved; his recent awards and  
11 recognitions include: Hall of Fame Inductee,  
12 Huntsville-Madison County Chapter, National Association for  
13 the Advancement of Colored People, August 2009; Honoree,  
14 Rosetta James Foundation Honoring Our Elders, 2008; and  
15 Inductee, Defense Credit Union Council's Hall of Honor,  
16 September 2010; and

17                   WHEREAS, Mr. Ray has been actively involved as a  
18 volunteer in the Redstone Federal Credit Union including  
19 serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 28 years,  
20 retiring in February 2011; he is also a successful  
21 entrepreneur, the owner and president of Nelms Memorial  
22 Funeral Home; and

23                   WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he is the  
24 proud father of a daughter, Terri, and has been a devout  
25 member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for many  
26 years; his most recent magnanimous contribution was an endowed  
27 scholarship at Union Chapel Christian Academy; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That upon the occasion of naming  
3 the Family Life Center at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist  
4 Church in honor of Mr. Charles L. Ray, Jr., we direct that a  
5 copy of this resolution be presented to him as evidence of the  
6 esteem in which he is held.