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Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Galliher, Gaston, Givan,  
Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,  
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Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Kennedy, Knight,  
Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,  
McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,  
Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,  
Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne,  
Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers,  
Sanderford, Scott, Shiver, Thomas, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,  
Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),  
Williams (P), Wood and Wren

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8 HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. LANCE D. GRISSETT.  
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10 WHEREAS, in tribute to his life of achievement and  
11 service, we recognize May 8, 2011, as a day in honor of Dr.  
12 Lance D. Grissett of Talladega, Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Grissett's death on July 24, 2010, at  
14 the age of 74 left a void in the lives of his loving family,  
15 his many friends, and the entire community, where he was  
16 highly regarded as a civic leader and educator; and

17 WHEREAS, born in Goshen, Alabama, in 1936, he earned  
18 his Bachelor of Science Degree from Troy State University,  
19 Master of Science Degree from Auburn University, and Doctor of  
20 Philosophy Degree from The University of Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, he embarked upon his exemplary teaching  
22 career in 1957 at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery,  
23 where he later served as Assistant Principal; Dr. Grissett was  
24 Superintendent of the Talladega County School System for 20  
25 years, and retired with a total of 43 years in the field of  
26 education; after retirement, he served as Interim  
27 Superintendent of Education for Barbour County Schools and

1 then the Roanoke City School System; among his honors and  
2 awards, he was named Superintendent of the Year for the State  
3 of Alabama in 1993; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Grissett was a proud member of the  
5 United States Naval Reserve and was a faithful member of the  
6 First Baptist Church for 34 years, serving as Deacon and  
7 Sunday School teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, his roles of civic leadership included  
9 election to the Talladega City Council in 2007, serving as  
10 President Pro Tem and liaison to the Municipal Airport Board;  
11 he was former President of the Talladega Kiwanis Club, former  
12 President of The Arc of North Talladega County, and was active  
13 in the Easter Seal Society and the East Alabama Regional  
14 Planning Council; in addition, he was instrumental in  
15 establishing the Talladega County Schools Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments  
17 and community contributions, the new corporate hangar at the  
18 Talladega Municipal Airport was posthumously named in his  
19 honor, a well-deserved tribute; and

20 WHEREAS, he is survived by his devoted wife of some  
21 52 years, Elizabeth Lunsford Grissett; four children, Rod,  
22 Scott, Cece, and Angi; and three grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Grissett was a valued member of the  
24 community whose legacy will endure for future generations; now  
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on the occasion of observing

1        May 8, 2011, as a day in his honor, we mourn the death and  
2        commend the life of Dr. Lance D. Grissett, and, by copy of  
3        this resolution, we extend heartfelt condolences to his  
4        family.