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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 24-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING PATRICK MORRIS AND THE UA GREEK RELIEF
4 FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INSPIRATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF
5 OUR COMMUNITY AND STATE FOLLOWING THE APRIL 27, 2011,
6 TORNADOES.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
9 recognize the contributions and service of Patrick Morris and
10 the UA Greek Relief Fund to our community and state; and

11 WHEREAS, the storms and tornadoes that ravaged our
12 state on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, caused unprecedented
13 levels of destruction to property as well as the loss of the
14 lives of many Alabamians; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mountain Brook High School
16 and a Delta Kappa Epsilon "DKE" officer and business major at
17 the University of Alabama, Patrick Morris, with the assistance
18 of other DKE members, organized a food drive for survivors and
19 volunteers on the night of the storms; and

20 WHEREAS, DKE members began preparing food in their
21 kitchen and reached out to the public via social networks, and
22 by the night of April 28, 2011, the DKE members served and
23 delivered over 1,500 meals to survivors of the storm and
24 rescue workers; and

1 WHEREAS, through social media, all fraternity and
2 sorority members were contacted to assist with the relief
3 efforts, and the UA Greek Relief Fund was established and
4 organized with Facebook and Twitter pages; and

5 WHEREAS, by April 29, 2011, the operation was
6 organized into a communication center, a donation supply
7 drop-off, a food pantry, an on-site food service location, and
8 a delivery service to survivors and volunteers throughout
9 Tuscaloosa County; and

10 WHEREAS, with the assistance of friends, strangers,
11 and the entire Greek community, the UA Greek Relief Fund
12 filled requests for food from the National Guard, the Red
13 Cross, relief center day cares, and even veterinary practices
14 all who had been tirelessly working around the clock, with
15 thousands of pounds of food, clothing, tents, hygiene
16 supplies, and other goods provided to those in need; and

17 WHEREAS, in one day, the UA Greek Relief Fund
18 delivered over 8,000 meals, and by the conclusion of the
19 second week following the disaster, more than 52,000 hot meals
20 were delivered, which was one-third of the total relief meals
21 provided in the Tuscaloosa area; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to these significant
23 contributions to the community during this difficult time, Mr.
24 Morris and the UA Greek Relief Fund have instilled in adults
25 and children alike a generous spirit of volunteerism and

1 service, an invaluable gift and legacy which will provide a
2 positive and lasting influence on our community; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend
6 Patrick Morris and the UA Greek Relief Fund for their
7 extensive community service and inspiration to the Tuscaloosa
8 community and the entire state, and by copy of this resolution
9 we extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for future
10 success.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 25-MAY-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

31-MAY-11

Adopted