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3 By Representatives Hill, McCutcheon and Galliher  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 24-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. MARTHA MORROW FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND  
4 RELIEF EFFORTS.  
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6 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, an EF-5 Tornado began in  
7 Marion County, Alabama, where it raged for 25 miles with a  
8 path width of .75 miles; the tornado totally devastated the  
9 Town of Hackleburg, destroyed Phil Campbell, and was on the  
10 ground for 132 miles, dissipating in Franklin County,  
11 Tennessee; winds were estimated in excess of 200 miles per  
12 hour; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Martha Morrow learned of the tornado  
14 and its devastation while she was preparing for a scheduled  
15 trip to St. Louis for a planning session of the organization  
16 she serves as president, The American Optometric Association  
17 Foundation, Optometry Cares, which has as one of its Public  
18 Health programs, "Optometry's Fund for Disaster Relief," which  
19 has played an important role of assistance in the wake of  
20 natural disasters for several years; now the fund was called  
21 to action again with the tornado damage in Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow is the wife of our good friend  
23 and colleague, Representative Johnny Mack Morrow; knowing that  
24 her place was with her husband and friends and neighbors in  
25 Franklin County, she initiated a plan of action, securing

1 national help from recognized organizations for disaster  
2 relief including the American Optometric Association, Lions  
3 Clubs International, and the Vision Service Plan; in addition,  
4 no patient in her own professional office needing care was  
5 turned down, whether requiring eye injury care or eyeglasses;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in the days immediately following the  
8 destruction, Dr. Morrow met with Congressman Robert Aderholt,  
9 Governor Robert Bentley, Homeland Security, and Public Health  
10 officials; and

11 WHEREAS, on May 6, 2011, Dr. Morrow helped  
12 coordinate a magic and musician show that more than 1,400  
13 students from Hackleburg, Phil Campbell, and East Franklin  
14 attended, an event that generated some badly needed smiles on  
15 the children's faces; and

16 WHEREAS, on May 17, 2011, Dr. Morrow traveled with  
17 the principal of Phil Campbell Elementary School to receive  
18 gifts offered by students of Elvin Hill Elementary School in  
19 Shelby County for the purpose of rebuilding the Phil Campbell  
20 Elementary School playground that had been destroyed in the  
21 tornado, and she is continuing her work to secure additional  
22 funding to rebuild the playground; and

23 WHEREAS, on June 13, 2011, a concert will be held  
24 entitled "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and Dr. Morrow is  
25 involved totally in this project which is designed to bring

1 desperately needed funds to rebuild Hackleburg, Phil Campbell,  
2 and East Franklin; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to commend  
5 Dr. Martha Morrow for her leadership and relief efforts in the  
6 aftermath of the April 27, 2011, tornado outbreak in Alabama  
7 and it is directed that she receive a copy of this resolution  
8 as an expression of sincere gratitude for her contributions to  
9 her community and state.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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

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31-MAY-11

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