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3 By Representative Hubbard (J)  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 24-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING BISHOP HENRY NUTT PARSLEY, JR., FOR HIS  
4 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.  
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6 WHEREAS, since 1999, the Right Reverend Henry Nutt  
7 Parsley, Jr., D.D., has served faithfully as Bishop of the  
8 Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, having begun his service to the  
9 Diocese in 1996 as Bishop Coadjutor; and

10 WHEREAS, under his dedicated tenure, the Diocese of  
11 Alabama has grown, both in number of parishes and in number of  
12 parishioners; and

13 WHEREAS, before his election to the Episcopate,  
14 Bishop Parsley served as Rector of Christ Church in Charlotte,  
15 North Carolina; St. Paul's Church in Summerville, South  
16 Carolina; and All Saints Church in Florence, South Carolina;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley has been a preacher on the  
19 Protestant Hour and active in many outreach ministries of the  
20 Episcopal Church, including serving on the Board of the  
21 Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief; and

22 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley is a trustee of the  
23 University of the South, Sewanee, where he served as  
24 Chancellor from 2003-2009; he was chair of the Theology  
25 Committee of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church from

1 1999-2010 and serves on the board of the College for Bishops;  
2 he is also on the board of the Colleges and Universities of  
3 the Anglican Communion and is the founding president of the  
4 Alabama Faith Council, as well as serving on the board of the  
5 Center for Religion and the Environment at Sewanee and the  
6 American Friends Board of the Anglican Centre in Rome; and

7 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include:  
8 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, University of the  
9 South, 1970; Master of Divinity, General Theological Seminary,  
10 1973; Doctor of Divinity, University of the South, 1998;  
11 Doctor of Divinity, General Theological Seminary, 1998; and  
12 extensive studies at Oxford University in England in 1972,  
13 1991, and 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, during his collegiate period, he was  
15 honored with induction into Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta  
16 Kappa; and

17 WHEREAS, among his community contributions, he has  
18 been a participant in Leadership Alabama and is a member of  
19 the Rotary Club of Birmingham; he is married to the former  
20 Rebecca Knox Allison of New Orleans and they have a married  
21 son; and

22 WHEREAS, Bishop Parsley has announced his plans to  
23 retire, with hopes of pursuing his interests of environmental  
24 advocacy, teaching, leading retreats, and perhaps devoting  
25 some time to his hobby of fly-fishing; and

1           WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned respect  
2           for his exceptional abilities and tireless dedication, and his  
3           presence will be greatly missed; now therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor and  
6           commend Bishop Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr., of the Episcopal  
7           Diocese of Alabama, for whom a copy of this resolution is  
8           provided in highest tribute and with best wishes for the  
9           future, as he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement years.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 24-MAY-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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31-MAY-11

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