

1 HJR773
2 132026-3
3 By Representative Knight
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 26-MAY-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 COMMENDING DR. ROBERT EUGENE ELY FOR PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENT.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that Dr.
7 Robert Eugene Ely of Montgomery, Alabama, is recognized for
8 his outstanding achievements as an educator, communicator, and
9 journalist over the span of four decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely has announced his retirement,
11 having embarked upon his professional life in 1971 as an
12 editor and consultant; and

13 WHEREAS, his educational credentials include:
14 Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees from Manchester
15 College, Doctor of Philosophy Studies at Purdue University and
16 Auburn University, Juris Doctorate Degree from Indiana
17 University, and 252 hours of Continuing Legal Education in
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely began his employment at Alabama
20 State University in 1984, where he has served effectively in
21 administrative capacities and as Associate Professor of
22 English and Humanities; he is also a highly regarded attorney
23 in private practice, an author, journalist, and award-winning
24 poet; his extensive published writings include scholarly books
25 and articles across a wide spectrum of subjects; and

1 WHEREAS, among his professional affiliations are the
2 Alabama State Bar, the Academy of American Poets, the Alabama
3 Writers' Forum, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the
4 American Federation of Teachers, and Phi Eta Sigma; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ely has been recognized with numerous
6 awards, honors, and fellowships, most notably a Fulbright
7 Fellowship in 2002; he is included in the Directory of
8 American Poets and Fiction Writers, Who's Who in American
9 Education, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the World,
10 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century, and many other
11 prestigious listings; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition, he is an elder in Westminster
13 Presbyterian Church (USA) and has been active in civic
14 organizations and worthy community causes; and

15 WHEREAS, through the years and in all his endeavors,
16 he has earned respect for his exceptional abilities and
17 unwavering commitment to his fellowman; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his many
20 outstanding achievements and dedicated service, highest
21 commendation is herein extended to Dr. Robert Eugene Ely, for
22 whom a copy of this resolution is provided as evidence of our
23 esteem and appreciation, along with best wishes as he begins
24 his well-deserved retirement years.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 31-MAY-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

01-JUN-11

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