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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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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 31-MAY-11.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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01-JUN-11

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