

1 HJR34
2 136416-2
3 By Representative Millican
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 07-FEB-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. D.D. REAL.
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Mr. D.D. Real of Hamilton, Alabama, on
7 November 28, 2011, at the age of 89 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Real leaves a void in
9 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
10 entire area; he was the longtime head of the Marion County
11 Emergency Management Agency and was instrumental in starting
12 the county's E-911 System, along with other valued community
13 contributions, and he was also an esteemed and successful
14 businessman; and

15 WHEREAS, born on August 11, 1922, he was the son of
16 Murrah Hudson Real and Meverdia Ballard Real; he graduated
17 from Hamilton High School and attended Florence State College
18 before serving with honor and distinction as a combat military
19 policeman in the United States Army during World War II,
20 receiving a number of medals for his service; among his
21 memorable wartime experiences, he landed on Normandy Beach
22 three days after the initial attack and was stationed in the
23 Philippine Islands in 1945, where he felt the atomic bomb that
24 was dropped on Hiroshima; and

1 WHEREAS, upon returning home after the war, he
2 started "D.D. Real's Rolling Store" and was known by many as
3 "The Peddler" on his travels through Marion and Lamar
4 Counties; in 1948, he built "D.D. Real's General Merchandise
5 Store" and expanded his business enterprises in 1962 by
6 purchasing the bowling center in Hamilton; through the years,
7 he also farmed, including raising corn, cotton, hogs, and
8 cattle; in 1976, he became the Marion County Emergency
9 Management Coordinator, retiring in 2002 at the age of 80; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 65 years,
11 Billie Fay Norton Real; daughter, Lanetta (Ron) Phillips; son,
12 Kenneth (Brenda) Real; granddaughter, Hannah Real; and
13 grandson, Matthew Real; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
15 predeceased by his brothers, James Middleton Real, Leeburn
16 Real, and John Henry Real; and sisters, Annie Lee Lawler and
17 Nellie Mae Lindsey; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Real was a valued member of the
19 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
20 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
21 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. D.D. Real is
24 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in

1 highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to
2 his grieving family.

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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 14-FEB-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

16-FEB-12

Adopted