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3 By Representative Morrow
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 06-MAR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE TORNADO VICTIMS IN OAK
4 GROVE, ALABAMA.
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6 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, the EF5 tornado that
7 devastated Alabama reached its peak in the Oak Grove community
8 of Franklin County; and

9 WHEREAS, this storm was one of the most destructive
10 tornadoes in United States history and the worst natural
11 disaster ever to hit the State of Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Weather Service estimated the
13 tornado to have winds in excess of 210 miles per hour with a
14 path more than 1.25 miles wide when it reached Oak Grove; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 22, 2012, near the intersection of
16 Franklin County Crossroads 38 and 81, a monument is being
17 dedicated to honor the memory of the lives lost, as well as
18 pay tribute to the survivors and all those who helped comfort,
19 restore, and rebuild, including assistance from churches,
20 organizations, neighbors, and other individuals whose love and
21 kindness will never be forgotten; and

22 WHEREAS, the community of Oak Grove lost five
23 beloved and highly regarded residents in the prime of life,
24 the oldest at the age of 49 and the youngest only 24 years
25 old: Charlene D. Crochet, born April 7, 1970; Kelli Thorn

1 Morgan, born September 17, 1986; Michael A. Morgan, born
2 December 19, 1978; Donald Roy Heaps, born September 14, 1961;
3 and Jefrey D. Cothan, born August 31, 1975; and

4 WHEREAS, it is impossible to chronicle the
5 far-reaching community contributions of those who are now lost
6 to us except in memory, and we can only imagine the
7 possibilities inherent in these lives that were already marked
8 by accomplishment; we can only be appreciative of what they
9 meant to us, as individuals, day-by-day; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of dedication
12 ceremonies for the monument to the tornado victims in the Oak
13 Grove community of Franklin County, we memorialize the lives
14 so tragically lost and, by copy of this resolution to each
15 family, we convey our heartfelt condolences.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 08-MAR-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

20-MAR-12

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