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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD:
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8 HONORING MR. R.C. ADAMS ON THE OCCASION OF
9 CELEBRATING HIS 98TH BIRTHDAY AND FOR HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS.
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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein extended to Mr. R.C. Adams of Huntsville, Alabama, on
13 the occasion of celebrating his 98th birthday and in
14 recognition of his many achievements; and

15 WHEREAS, Progressive Union Missionary Baptist
16 Church, where he has long been an active member, has scheduled
17 a birthday celebration for him on April 28, 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the
19 United States Army, including the D-Day battle on the beaches
20 of Normandy, and later became a dedicated soldier in the Civil
21 Rights struggle in the State of Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2008, he was honored as the oldest
23 living alumnus of Alabama A and M University, where he
24 compiled an outstanding record of achievements and was a
25 leader in voter registration and equal rights causes, having
26 enrolled at AAMU on the G.I. Bill in 1950, when there were
27 fewer than 100 Black voters in Madison County; among his areas

1 of activism, he set up schools to prepare Blacks for the
2 literacy tests that were then required for voter registration
3 in Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating in 1955 with a Degree in
5 Building Science, he opened his own construction company and
6 began hiring AAMU students; and

7 WHEREAS, in the 1960s, he was a follower of Dr.
8 Martin Luther King, Jr., in events across the state including
9 Bloody Sunday in March 1965 on Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge,
10 the historic milestone that galvanized national support for
11 the passage of Civil Rights legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, in his 98th year, he continues to live in
13 the red-brick, ranch-style house he built for himself in
14 northwest Huntsville more than five decades ago, a residence
15 that is filled with well-deserved awards and plaques,
16 including the Martin Luther King Award from the Greater
17 Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship and a
18 trophy from a bank that refers to him as a "Civil Rights
19 Legend"; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mr. R.C. Adams is herein most
22 highly honored and commended, and this resolution is offered
23 with heartiest congratulations to him on celebrating his 98th
24 birthday, along with best wishes for every future happiness.