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3 By Senators Coleman, Smitherman, Bedford, Sanders, Allen,
4 Beasley, Beason, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Dial, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
8 RFD:
9 First Read: 14-FEB-13

8 CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ATTORNEYS TO THE
9 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

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11 WHEREAS, the role of lawyers and judges in Alabama
12 in 1963 and afterward was vital to the progress of the Civil
13 Rights Movement in securing equality of opportunity and
14 justice; and

15 WHEREAS, a number of attorneys of great integrity
16 worked tirelessly, using their knowledge, skills, talent, and
17 the legal system on a Journey for Justice; and

18 WHEREAS, a film commemorating these heroes has been
19 developed by Emmy award-winning producer Mike Letcher in
20 partnership with The University of Alabama Center for Public
21 Television and is scheduled to debut at the Journey for
22 Justice Gala on May 4, 2013, sponsored by the Birmingham Bar
23 Foundation, the Magic City Bar Association, and the Birmingham
24 Bar Association; and

25 WHEREAS, the honorees include Harvey Burg, The
26 Honorable U.W. Clemon, J. Mason Davis, Paul Johnston, Clarence
27 Jones, The Honorable Demetrius C. Newton, Vernon Patrick, The

1 Honorable J. Richmond Pearson, and W.L. Williams, with
2 posthumous homage being paid to The Honorable Oscar W. Adams,
3 Jr., Norman Amaker, James K. Baker, Abe Berkowitz, Orzell
4 Billingsley, Jerome "Buddy" Cooper, Edward Friend, Jr., The
5 Honorable Peter A. Hall, Charles Hamilton Houston, The
6 Honorable Frank M. Johnson, The Honorable Tom King, Sr., The
7 Honorable Thurgood Marshall, The Honorable Nina Miglionico;
8 Charles M. Morgan, the Honorable Constance Baker Motley, The
9 Honorable Arthur D. Shores, C. Erskine Smith, The Honorable
10 Robert Vance, and David Vann; and

11 WHEREAS, many of these names are venerated and some
12 have gone unheralded, but all made significant contributions
13 to the Civil Rights struggle and are deserving of highest
14 commendation as role models and sources of inspiration for
15 future generations of lawyers and judges; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is a privilege to honor the
18 Journey for Justice Project and the documentary film
19 celebrating the legal heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, and
20 this resolution is offered in admiration and appreciation to
21 the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee with heartiest
22 congratulations on the film's debut and best wishes in future
23 worthy endeavors.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Coleman