

1 SJR26  
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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 Miglionario;  
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.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 21-FEB-13

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By: Senator Coleman