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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

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4 ENROLLED, SJR26,

5 CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ATTORNEYS TO THE
6 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the honorees include Harvey Burg, The
23 Honorable U.W. Clemon, J. Mason Davis, Paul Johnston, Clarence
24 Jones, The Honorable Demetrius C. Newton, Vernon Patrick, The
25 Honorable J. Richmond Pearson, and W.L. Williams, with

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 14-FEB-13
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 21-FEB-13

By: Senator Coleman