

1 HJR298
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3 By Representatives Hall, Coleman-Evans and Givan
4 RFD: Rules
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POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING YVONNE KENNEDY FOR HER
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, we, the members of The Alabama Legislature,
extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our former
colleague, Representative Yvonne Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy received an
Associate's Degree from S.D. Bishop State Junior College in
Mobile in 1964, a Bachelor's Degree from Alabama State
University in Montgomery in 1966, and a Master's Degree from
Morgan State University in Baltimore in 1968; she completed
advanced studies at Columbia University in 1972 and 1973 and
earned her Ph.D. from The University of Alabama in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy served
proudly, dutifully, and unwaveringly as a State House
Representative for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was a former
chairperson of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus, Ranking
Minority Member of the Economic Development and Tourism

1 Committee, and served the Children and Senior Advocacy House
2 Committees, and the Transportation, Utilities, and
3 Infrastructure Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was
5 recognized as a local, state, national, and international
6 champion of educational excellence and civil rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy served in the
8 capacity of President at Bishop State Community College from
9 1981 to 2007, where the college was expanded from one campus
10 to three, and dramatically broadened the curriculum to include
11 increased offerings in technical and health-related areas of
12 study; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy transcended
14 the changing social, cultural, and political mores to emerge
15 as a national leader and the ultimate and enduring symbol of
16 heroism; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was a person
18 who led in policy and action, leading by example; and

19 WHEREAS, more of Representative Yvonne Kennedy's
20 legacy came from a unique combination of intelligence,
21 ambition, and an unapologetic determination to serve and make
22 life better for others; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was a charter
24 member of the Greater Mobile Alumnae Chapter of The Links,
25 Incorporated, established in 1991 and served as Area
26 Conference Chair in 2007 well as Chapter President and
27 Parliamentarian of the Southern Area; and

1 WHEREAS, as a member of the Links, Incorporated,
2 serving in the Alabama Legislature, Representative Yvonne
3 Kennedy sought to promote a better understanding of the
4 legislative process and critical issues facing the Legislature
5 through her participation in the annual Links Day at the
6 Capitol workshop; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy died December
8 8, 2012, leaving an indelible impression on the State of
9 Alabama; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Representative Yvonne Kennedy
12 is honored for her contributions to the House of
13 Representatives and the people of the State of Alabama.