

1 HJR298
2 151904-3
3 By Representatives Hall, Coleman-Evans and Givan
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 16-APR-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING YVONNE KENNEDY FOR HER
4 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PEOPLE
5 OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.
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7 WHEREAS, we, the members of The Alabama Legislature,
8 extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our former
9 colleague, Representative Yvonne Kennedy; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was a former
21 chairperson of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus, Ranking
22 Minority Member of the Economic Development and Tourism
23 Committee, and served the Children and Senior Advocacy House
24 Committees, and the Transportation, Utilities, and
25 Infrastructure Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was
2 recognized as a local, state, national, and international
3 champion of educational excellence and civil rights; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy served in the
5 capacity of President at Bishop State Community College from
6 1981 to 2007, where the college was expanded from one campus
7 to three, and dramatically broadened the curriculum to include
8 increased offerings in technical and health-related areas of
9 study; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Representative Yvonne Kennedy was a charter
21 member of the Greater Mobile Alumnae Chapter of The Links,
22 Incorporated, established in 1991 and served as Area
23 Conference Chair in 2007 well as Chapter President and
24 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.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 23-APR-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

02-MAY-13

Adopted