

1 HR163  
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3 By Representative Nordgren  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 18-FEB-14

8 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING  
9 WEEK.

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11 WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the  
12 spoken word translated into text to record history and to  
13 accomplish this task have relied on scribes; and

14 WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the  
15 rise of civilization; and

16 WHEREAS, in Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered  
17 to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important  
18 documents and, since that time, have served as impartial  
19 witnesses to history; and

20 WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's  
21 founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill  
22 of Rights were drafted; and

23 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted scribes  
24 to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

25 WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines,  
26 these scribes have been known as court reporters and have

1                   played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across  
2                   our country; and

3                   WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are  
4                   responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across  
5                   television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other  
6                   community and educational settings, bringing information to  
7                   millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans everyday; and

8                   WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate  
9                   the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

10                  WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or  
11                  the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals  
12                  who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of  
13                  the record; now therefore,

14                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15                  THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That February 16-22, 2014, is  
16                  hereby recognized as "Alabama Court Reporting and Captioning  
17                  Week."