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3 By Representative Robinson (J)  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 18-MAR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 COMMENDING JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIAN ANN BARBEE  
4 CHAMBLESS.  
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6 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless, a native Jackson  
7 Countian, was editor of her elementary school newspaper,  
8 sparking a lifelong interest in writing and publishing; and

9 WHEREAS, she was salutatorian of the Jackson County  
10 High School Class of 1954, and married her high school  
11 sweetheart, Joseph DeLee Chambless, just three months after  
12 graduation; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1971, the couple welcomed a son, Heath,  
14 and in 2010, a grandson, Joe; and

15 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless attended the  
16 University of Alabama in Huntsville and spent her professional  
17 career as a wife, mother, homemaker, community leader,  
18 genealogist, and historian, as well as holding positions at  
19 the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center and in child  
20 development and nutrition; and

21 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless' lasting legacy to the  
22 people of her community, state, and nation arises from her  
23 innumerable civic and historic preservation activities,  
24 including church member, regent of the Tidence Lane Chapter of  
25 the Daughters of the American Revolution, State Historian of

1 the Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American  
2 Revolution, and member of the Huguenot Society of America; in  
3 addition, she served as president of the Friends of the  
4 Scottsboro Public Library and compiled 25 years of service on  
5 that library's Board of Directors as member, secretary, and  
6 twice as president, with her service culminating in the  
7 christening of the library's genealogy department as "The Ann  
8 B. Chambless Genealogy Room"; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1974, Ann Barbee Chambless organized,  
10 founded, and has been the main driving engine of the Jackson  
11 County Historical Association and, for almost 40 years,  
12 researched, compiled, edited, wrote, published, stuffed,  
13 stamped, and mailed "The Jackson County Chronicles," quarterly  
14 newsletter of the JCHA, and volunteered hours upon hours to  
15 preserve and restore the Scottsboro Freight Depot into a  
16 museum; and

17 WHEREAS, no individual, institution, or group has  
18 worked harder, shown greater stubborn determination, or done  
19 more to discover, share, and preserve the history of Jackson  
20 County than Ann Barbee Chambless; and

21 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless has used her God-given  
22 talents, her wisdom, her good nature, her creativity, her  
23 sense of humor in service to the people of Jackson County,  
24 Alabama, past, present, and future, labors which have achieved  
25 an unequalled body of work that will stand forever as the

1       scholarly, definitive, and authoritative corpus of local  
2       history; and

3               WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless has led the Jackson  
4       County Historical Association into its 40th year of public  
5       service and its greatest achievement to date comes when it  
6       welcomes people from all across our state to the annual  
7       conference of the Alabama Historical Association, meeting in  
8       Scottsboro and Jackson County in April 2014; now therefore,

9               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the good works of Ann Barbee  
11       Chambless are hereby gratefully acknowledged, and it is  
12       directed that a copy of this resolution of tribute be provided  
13       to her with best wishes in all future worthy endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 19-MAR-14.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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20-MAR-14

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