

1 HJR371
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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 unequaled 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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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

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

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16 Senate

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