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3 By Representative Williams (JD)
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING WILLIE JAMES PERRY FOR HIS
4 SERVICE.

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6 WHEREAS, it is a great honor to posthumously commend
7 Willie James Perry, known as the "Batman of Birmingham"; in
8 the late 1970's and early 1980's a customized 1971 Thunderbird
9 could be seen on the streets of Birmingham and the man inside
10 was driving around with an uncommon devotion to the common
11 good, this was Willie James Perry, who devoted his life to
12 helping others; and

13 WHEREAS, although deserving highest praise and
14 honor, Willie Perry served others at no cost and sought no
15 accolades for his kind deeds; he provided roadside rescue
16 assistance by helping with flat tires and providing gas and
17 parts to stranded motorists, he gave rides to the elderly to
18 doctors and pharmacies, and he took children in the community
19 on free rides in the Rescue Ship; he lived by his motto that
20 was boldly posted on the Rescue Ship "Will Help Anyone In
21 Distress"; and

22 WHEREAS, a Good Samaritan who is truly deserving of
23 special recognition for his humanitarian effort, Willie Perry
24 and The Rescue Ship worked quietly to help others in need; he
25 was featured on a national television show in 1982 and that

1 same year, Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop", stopped to meet
2 Willie and view his car; and

3 WHEREAS, although Willie died in 1985, his life and
4 legacy are a permanent part of the history of Birmingham;
5 Mayor Richard Arrington designated August 3 as "Willie Perry
6 Day" in 1982 and recent efforts are being made to restore the
7 Rescue Ship, to revitalize the memory of Willie, and to
8 inspire a new generation of real life super heroes to take up
9 his mantle and make their communities better one good deed at
10 a time; and

11 WHEREAS, through the years, the efforts of Willie
12 Perry created lasting positive experiences and memories;
13 preserving and displaying the Rescue Ship is a way to preserve
14 this important piece of Birmingham's cultural history; the
15 State of Alabama, acknowledges that the legacy of Willie Perry
16 will impact generations to come; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That, for the acts of kindness
19 displayed during his lifetime and the legacy he left behind,
20 we hereby posthumously honor Willie James Perry, known as
21 "Batman of Birmingham," and direct that a copy of this
22 resolution be provided to the Birmingham City Council for
23 appropriate presentation and display as a measure of our
24 deepest gratitude and esteem.

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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 26-MAY-15.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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