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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 21-MAY-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT THOMAS ROLLER.
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5 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Robert Thomas
6 Roller of Bowdon, Georgia, on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, with
7 deep sadness and regret; his invaluable life of 69 years is
8 commended and celebrated with tremendous thanksgiving; and

9 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Roller leaves a void in
10 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
11 community, where he was highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, he was born January 24, 1945, in Sedalia,
13 Missouri, to the union of the late Robert Michael Roller and
14 Margaret Elizabeth Vile Roller Kriz; and

15 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Chilton County High
16 School in 1962, he entered the United States Marine Corps with
17 the intention of building a military career; however, his plan
18 was altered after he suffered major injuries during Vietnam;
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20 WHEREAS, a squad leader with Company F, Second
21 Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, he was wounded three times
22 during a search and clear operation near the demilitarized
23 zone in Quang Tri Province on October 13, 1966; despite
24 incurring two injuries, he rendered first aid to the other
25 wounded Marines and organized the evacuation of his fallen

1 comrades; Sergeant Roller incurred his third wound, the one
2 that ended his career, when a bullet went through his hip,
3 flak jacket, cartridge belt, and out the other side; and

4 WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Roller received the Navy
5 Cross, the second highest medal a Marine can earn for heroic
6 actions while engaged in conflict; he was medically discharged
7 from the Marine Corps in 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Roller earned a Bachelor's Degree in
9 Art Education in 1992 from the University of West Georgia; he
10 owned an art studio in Carrollton, Georgia, before moving to
11 Bowdon, Georgia, where he owned and operated the Potter's
12 Rhumb; he strove to help others better themselves and taught
13 educational classes to inmates at the Carroll County, Georgia,
14 Sheriff's Department; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include his sister, Peggy Bishop;
16 and brother, George C. Roller; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Roller was a valued member of the
18 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
19 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
20 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
23 Mr. Robert Thomas Roller, we are extremely grateful for his
24 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute

1 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
2 his family and friends.

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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 26-MAY-15, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

02-JUN-15

Adopted