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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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of Mr. Robert Thomas Roller, we are extremely grateful for his 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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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 26-MAY-15, as amended.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted