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16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wadsworth, Warren,
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18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 06-AUG-15

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING THE BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF LAW ON THE
4 OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly
7 presented to the Birmingham School of Law on the occasion of
8 its 100th Anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Hugh Allen Locke, a prominent
10 Birmingham attorney, Judge of the Chancery Court, and
11 President of the Birmingham Bar Association, launched the
12 Birmingham School of Law in 1915 with the help of Mr. Bowman,
13 another attorney; the founding of the school was inspired by a
14 request from law encyclopedia salesman L.M. Harris for Judge
15 Locke to tutor 23 young men who bought copies of Chadman's
16 Cyclopedia of Law; and

17 WHEREAS, initially, classes were held in Judge
18 Locke's office before being moved to the John Wesley Room at
19 the First Methodist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1918, the law school developed into the
21 Birmingham-Southern College Law Department under the
22 leadership of Judge Locke, who served as dean; later, the law
23 school became the Birmingham School of Law and opened classes
24 at the Birmingham YMCA; when the Great Depression began, Judge
25 Locke moved the school to the Jefferson County Courthouse;

1 during World War II, Judge Locke doubled up on his duties to
2 compensate for the absence of teachers, and he and the school
3 beautifully weathered during this tumultuous period in
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS, following the war, the Birmingham School of
6 Law was approved for veteran's benefits and its enrollment
7 increased at a rapid rate; the Birmingham School of Law
8 employed only practicing attorneys and judges as professors
9 who only taught the area of law they specialized in, a
10 practice that continues today; proud of the school's female
11 students, Judge Locke supported the founding of the State of
12 Alabama's first chapter of Phi Delta Delta legal fraternity
13 during the 1950's; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1962, the written bar examination became
15 a requirement for all law students; shortly thereafter, the
16 law school celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1965; the law
17 school's leaders engaged in a decade long battle against
18 legislation that would threaten to close its doors and the
19 doors of the other two non-accredited law schools in the
20 state; following the death of his father in 1971, Huge A.
21 Locke, Jr., assumed the role of dean and led the effort to
22 save the state's non-accredited schools; in May 1966, the
23 Birmingham School of Law moved its classes to the Frank Nelson
24 Building in downtown Birmingham; current dean James J.

1 Bushnell assumed his duties in 2007 and has helped the school
2 continue its legacy as a top law school; and

3 WHEREAS, under Dean Bushnell's leadership, the
4 school implemented a senior seminar program that includes a
5 bar review course which prepares students for the bar
6 examination, began offering a Saturday full-time program for
7 law students in 2009, and relocated to the Judge Hugh A. Locke
8 Building, which marks the first time the school began holding
9 classes in its own facility; and

10 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
11 the remarkable accomplishments of the Birmingham School of Law
12 and its students and officials on the celebration of this
13 significant milestone; through the years, the Birmingham
14 School of Law has adhered to its noble mission of offering the
15 opportunity for a high quality, affordable legal education to
16 those individuals who cannot attend the traditional law school
17 for financial, family, or occupational reasons; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Birmingham School of Law
20 is highly honored and commended, and this resolution is
21 offered to its students and faculty in deepest admiration and
22 appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for all future
23 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 06-AUG-15.

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16 Senate

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