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3 By Representatives Shedd and Harbison
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 15-MAR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JULIET GIVEN ST.
4 JOHN CALVIN.
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6 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we
7 uplift the life and legacy of Juliet Given St. John Calvin,
8 who passed away February 14, 2016, at 82 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, the passing of Juliet Given St. John Calvin
10 leaves a tremendous void in the lives of her loving family,
11 many friends, and the entire community, where she was highly
12 regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin was born to
14 the union of William Morris Given and Susan Perry Given on
15 August 3, 1933; she graduated from Ramsay High School at age
16 16 and attended Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; she
17 completed her undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University,
18 where she graduated magna cum laude in French and English
19 literature; and

20 WHEREAS, while at Vanderbilt, Juliet Given St. John
21 Calvin was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Delta
22 Delta Delta Sorority; she served as President of the
23 Birmingham Debutante Club of 1954 and was presented at the
24 Redstone Club Annual Ball; in 1956, she married Finis Ewing

1 St. John, III, living in Cullman until his untimely death in
2 1984; and

3 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin was active in
4 numerous civic, charitable, and church organizations and
5 causes; she was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church,
6 where she taught Sunday School and served on the vestry; she
7 was one of Cullman's first Head Start volunteers, and she
8 served Red Cross and the Cub Scouts; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1973, at the age of 40, she enrolled at
10 Cumberland School of Law, where she finished seventh in her
11 class of 200, served on the Cumberland Law Review, and was
12 inducted into the honorary society Curia Honoris; she
13 practiced law for over 20 years in the firm of St. John and
14 St. John with her husband, her father-in-law, Finis Ewing St.
15 John, Jr., her son, Fess, and her daughter-in-law, Gaynor;
16 when she began practicing law, she had the distinction of
17 being the only female attorney in Cullman County; she later
18 became the first female president of a county bar association
19 in Alabama; she was an inspiration to many female lawyers in
20 Cullman who followed her path; and

21 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin served as a
22 member of The University of Alabama Board of Trustees; in
23 1987, she married Joseph Hiram Calvin, Jr.; they traveled
24 extensively around the world and spent parts of each year in
25 Birmingham and Cashiers, North Carolina; in retirement, she

1 served as the National Chair of the Indian Nurse Program of
2 the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and as
3 the State Chair of Patriotic Services in the organization; and

4 WHEREAS, she taught reading to underprivileged
5 children for many years and was named Decatur Volunteer of the
6 Year; she was a member of the Tremont Garden Club, the Book
7 Markers, and the Cambridge Study Club, and was the first and
8 only woman President of the Colony Club of High Hampton in
9 Cashiers, North Carolina; she organized and helped administer
10 numerous bridge clubs and was a faithful and devoted member of
11 St. Luke's Episcopal Church; she was an accomplished
12 watercolorist; and

13 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin is most
14 remembered for the sheer joy she derived from life and her
15 family and legions of dear friends; and

16 WHEREAS, survivors include her sons, Finis Ewing St.
17 John, IV, (Gaynor) and William Given St. John (Elizabeth);
18 grandsons, Finis Ewing St. John, V, (Virginia) and John
19 Jefferson St. John (Maryann); her great-granddaughter, Mary
20 Juliet St. John; stepson, Joseph Hiram Calvin, III; her
21 beloved caretaker and friend, Margaret Dunsford; and numerous
22 nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; she was
23 preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; her brothers,
24 William Morris Given, Jr., and Samuel Perry Given; and her
25 granddaughter, Emily Parker St. John; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Juliet Given St. John Calvin was a
2 highly regarded member of society; although her presence is
3 greatly missed, her memory is cherished in the hearts and
4 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
8 Juliet Given St. John Calvin, we are extremely grateful for
9 her abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
10 tribute to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
11 sympathy to her 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 22-MAR-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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