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3 By Representatives Daniels, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,  
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy,  
5 Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,  
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England,  
7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,  
8 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison,  
9 Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hurst,  
10 Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones, Knight,  
11 Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell,  
12 McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney,  
13 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus,  
14 Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,  
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,  
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren,  
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD),  
18 Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood

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20 First Read: 17-AUG-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.

4 JOHN WESLEY HALL.

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6 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
7 to learn of the passing of Dr. John Wesley Hall, the beloved  
8 and devoted husband of our good friend and colleague,  
9 Representative Laura Hall; we uplift his inspiring life and  
10 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Wesley Hall leaves a  
12 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
13 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was born September 22, 1927, in  
15 Warsaw, North Carolina, to the union of the late Lib and Addie  
16 Jarman Hall; at an early age, he learned the significance of  
17 discipline and family values; he grew up in a Christian  
18 environment and confessed his life to Christ at Smith Chapel  
19 Missionary Baptist Church in Warsaw; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall received his education in the  
21 Duplin County Public School System; after high school  
22 graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army; he went on  
23 to attend Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina, where he  
24 earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education; he taught  
25 Political Science in Sumter and Greenville, South Carolina,

1 for several years before pursuing further education at Ohio  
2 State University, where he earned the Doctor of Philosophy  
3 Degree; and

4 WHEREAS, with a passion for encouraging youth to  
5 pursue a purpose-driven life, he entered the field of  
6 counseling and became the Department Head of Psychology and  
7 Guidance at Alabama A and M University in Normal, Alabama;  
8 later, he served as a high school counselor in the Fulton  
9 County Public School System in Georgia before returning to  
10 Huntsville; and

11 WHEREAS, an advocate for equality, Dr. Hall  
12 participated in sit-ins, marches, and demonstrations during  
13 the Civil Rights Era; during this time, he met the love of his  
14 life, fellow activist, Laura Vandiver; in 1973, the highly  
15 regarded couple moved to Huntsville, where they continued  
16 their teaching careers and became active members of St. Joseph  
17 Catholic Church; they continued their unwavering commitment to  
18 obtaining justice and equality for all, a path which led to  
19 Laura Hall's election as State Representative for District 19;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was a member of numerous  
22 organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,  
23 Incorporated, One Hundred Black Men of America, Alabama  
24 Democratic Conference, the Alabama New South Coalition, the

1                   National Education Association, Georgia Education Association,  
2                   and the Fulton County Education Association; and

3                   WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was a loving husband, father,  
4                   brother, and grandfather, and caring friend to many; he is  
5                   remembered for his sense of humor, ability to inspire others,  
6                   and love of jazz music and a good party; he touched the lives  
7                   of many in a special way; and

8                   WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; children, John  
9                   Wesley Hall, Jr., Phillip Eugene Ashley, and Jameka Tiombe  
10                  Hall; brothers-in-law, Eleziah Vandiver, Jr., and Johnny W.  
11                  Vandiver; sister-in-law, Mary E. Vandiver; grandchildren,  
12                  Jawanza Hall, Kenosha Hall, Andrea Hall, Shante Hall, Darren  
13                  Hall, Breanna' Hall, Shawn Hall, Tamia Johnson, and Justasia  
14                  Gambrell; and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins,  
15                  and many friends; and

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

20                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21                  HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
22                  Dr. John Wesley Hall, we are extremely grateful for his  
23                  abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
24                  to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to  
25                  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 17-AUG-16.

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