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

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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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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 17-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

17-AUG-16

Adopted