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3 By Representative Pringle
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 09-APR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 URGING THE MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO NAME THE
4 SOUTHWEST ALABAMA REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND IN
5 HONOR OF H. L. "SONNY" CALLAHAN.

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7 WHEREAS, in honor of H. L. "Sonny" Callahan,
8 longtime champion of the students and parents of South
9 Alabama, it would be appropriate to name the Southwest Alabama
10 Regional School for the Deaf and Blind, the H. L. "Sonny"
11 Callahan School for the Deaf and Blind; and

12 WHEREAS, Alabama Senator Sonny Callahan was
13 instrumental in obtaining educational opportunities for
14 students in South Alabama who had hearing or vision challenges
15 that could not be addressed in the public school system; and

16 WHEREAS, for over four decades, Senator Callahan has
17 met with parents of these students, written letters, held
18 meetings, and sponsored financial pursuits for the funding of
19 regional education opportunities for the special education of
20 deaf students; and

21 WHEREAS, with the support, dedication, and
22 commitment of Senator Callahan, the Mobile County School Board
23 opened the Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and
24 Blind in September 1980; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Callahan secured the funding and
2 planning at all levels to make this school a reality for the
3 deaf and blind students and their families; the legacy of the
4 school's founding rests primarily with Senator Callahan; and

5 WHEREAS, his leadership and compassion in
6 championing this notable cause has earned the admiration of
7 students, parents, school officials, community residents, and
8 all of the citizens of Alabama; it would be appropriate to
9 commemorate his lasting influence for the inspiration of
10 future generations; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in honor of Senator Callahan,
13 who worked tirelessly to see this dream accomplished, we
14 respectfully request that the Mobile County School Board
15 rename the Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and
16 Blind the H. L. "Sonny" Callahan School for the Deaf and
17 Blind.

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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 16-APR-19.

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16 Senate

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Adopted

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