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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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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 16-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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