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3 By Representatives Clarke, Bracy, McMillan, Drummond, Jones  
4 (S), Pringle, Gaston, Stringer, Brown (C), Simpson and Wilcox  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 02-FEB-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 HONORING MR. JAMES K. LYONS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
4 THE STATE OF ALABAMA AS STATE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
5 OFFICER OF THE ALABAMA STATE DOCKS.

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7 WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, we  
8 highly honor Mr. James K. "Jimmy" Lyons, the husband of our  
9 good friend and former colleague, Beth Lyons, for his  
10 contributions to the State of Alabama as Director and Chief  
11 Executive Officer of the Alabama State Docks; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past several years, Mr. Lyons has  
13 achieved a plethora of accomplishments; on October 1, 1997,  
14 the Alabama State Docks Director retained the professional  
15 advisory services of Mr. Lyons to develop cargo opportunities  
16 for the agency; on October 27, 1998, he was named Deputy  
17 Assistant Director of the Alabama State Docks and was  
18 responsible for the marketing and business development of the  
19 agency; on May 11, 1999, Governor Don Siegelman appointed Mr.  
20 Lyons as Acting Director of the Alabama State Docks to oversee  
21 the promotion, construction, and operations of the State  
22 Docks; on August 28, 2000, the Alabama State Port Authority  
23 Board of Directors appointed him as Director and Chief  
24 Executive Officer; and

1                   WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Lyons has overseen  
2 land acquisitions and sales, study, permitting, construction,  
3 and refurbishment of new and existing terminals, including the  
4 Axis Inland Dock, Pier A North, the CG Railway, and more;  
5 leveraged private capital to develop McDuffie Terminal, the  
6 grain elevator, a refrigerated cargo terminal, a steel coil  
7 terminal, and others; directly contributed to statewide  
8 economic development projects that recruited Yamaha Motor  
9 Corporation, International Shipholding Corporation, and  
10 Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, amongst others;  
11 supervised the issuance and the refunding of Alabama State  
12 Port Authority Facilities Revenue Bonds; and entered into  
13 Memoranda of Agreement with the United States Army Corps of  
14 Engineers to construct a new Turning Basin and to deepen and  
15 widen the Mobile Ship Channel to service ultra-large ships,  
16 which will make Alabama's only seaport one of the nation's  
17 deepest seaports by 2025; and

18                   WHEREAS, an inspirational leader and a man of  
19 steadfast diligence, Mr. Lyons is very deserving of special  
20 recognition; now therefore,

21                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mr. James K. "Jimmy" Lyons is  
23 warmly honored for his contributions to the State of Alabama  
24 as Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Alabama State  
25 Docks, and we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with

1       utmost appreciation and admiration, along with sincere best  
2       wishes for continued success during his retirement.

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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 09-FEB-21.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

10-FEB-21

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