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3 By Representative Beasley  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 13-APR-10

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3                   COMMENDING JERE LOCKE BEASLEY FOR OUTSTANDING  
4 SERVICE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.  
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6                   WHEREAS, Jere Locke Beasley is a highly esteemed  
7 attorney who has practiced law as an advocate for victims of  
8 wrongdoing since 1962 and has made many contributions to the  
9 citizens of the State of Alabama; and

10                   WHEREAS, he embarked upon the private practice of  
11 law after a distinguished career in public service, having  
12 been elected Lieutenant Governor of Alabama for two  
13 consecutive terms from January 1971 to 1979; and

14                   WHEREAS, the one-lawyer firm that Mr. Beasley opened  
15 in Montgomery in January 1979 has grown to employ more than  
16 250 people, including more than 40 attorneys; and

17                   WHEREAS, the driving force behind Mr. Beasley's  
18 success has been his intense commitment to his clients; he is  
19 an outspoken defender of the civil justice system, believing  
20 that the courts are the only place where ordinary citizens  
21 have a chance to stand up to the powerful interests of large  
22 corporations; and

23                   WHEREAS, his numerous courtroom successes include  
24 landmark cases that have made a positive impact upon society,

1 including succeeding in requiring the recall of unsafe  
2 vehicles, among many additional benchmark victories; and

3 WHEREAS, his firm is now known as Beasley, Allen,  
4 Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.; Mr. Beasley credits the  
5 firm's motto, "Helping those who need it most," to his mother,  
6 who instilled in him the obligation to serve those in need;  
7 this mission extends throughout the firm, which is committed  
8 to the community, donating more than \$1 million in charitable  
9 organizations in the past three years, including support for  
10 Father Walter's Children's Home, the March of Dimes, Brantwood  
11 Children's Home, the Family Sunshine Center, and the Alabama  
12 Shakespeare Festival; in addition, Mr. Beasley and the firm  
13 have made major contributions to the growth of Montgomery and  
14 the revitalization of the downtown area, joining in the  
15 development of the Alley Entertainment District and providing  
16 key support for the return of minor league baseball to the  
17 Capital City; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley's many awards and honors  
19 include being named March of Dimes Citizen of the Year and  
20 receiving the Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club's Commitment to  
21 Service Award; devoted to family and faith, he is an active  
22 member of St. James United Methodist Church; he and his wife,  
23 the former Sara Baker, have three children, Jere, Jr., Julia  
24 Anne Beasley, and Bee McCollum; and six granddaughters; and

1           WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Beasley's community  
2           contributions and positive impact upon the legal profession  
3           have been immeasurable and far-reaching; few men have achieved  
4           his stature and maintained their tireless commitment to the  
5           well-being of their fellowman; now therefore,

6           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his  
8           professional achievement and dedicated service to the citizens  
9           of the State of Alabama, Jere Locke Beasley is honored and  
10          commended, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute  
11          to him along with best wishes in future worthy endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
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Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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