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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF FRANK CALLOWAY.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we mourn the death of Mr. Frank Calloway of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who passed away on Monday, September 1, 2014, at the self-proclaimed age of 118 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calloway was born on July 2nd sometime between 1896 and 1913 in Montgomery, Alabama; he spent his life as a laborer, working mostly on farms, logging, and building roads; and

WHEREAS, he developed a love for drawing and art as a small child, but the long hours working prevented him from pursuing his passion; it was not until he was about 86 years old that he got serious about his art and he hit his stride with his artwork at the age of 112; and

WHEREAS, his drawings were done on sheets of butcher paper, sometimes more than 30 feet long, and depicted rural agricultural scenes with buildings, trains, and vehicles straight out of the early 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Calloway was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1952, so he spent much of his life living in state mental health facilities; he was the longest living resident known to the state mental health system and the

1 longest resident to live in a state hospital; he was moved to
2 a community living facility in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a lively and well-loved member of
4 the mental health community; anyone who knew anything about
5 mental health in the state knew of Mr. Calloway and his
6 artwork; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we record the death of Mr.
9 Frank Calloway with deep sadness, and by copy of this
10 resolution we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and
11 friends, whose grief is shared by many.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-JUN-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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