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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 24-AUG-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
4 GEORGE E. CURRY.
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6 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
7 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of George E. Curry,
8 whose passing on August 20, 2016, at the age of 69 years, left
9 a void in the lives of his loving family and friends; he will
10 be remembered as an inspiration to the countless numbers whose
11 lives he touched; and

12 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mr. Curry
13 graduated from Druid High School and earned a degree from
14 Knoxville College; he began his professional journalism career
15 as the second black reporter for Sports Illustrated magazine;
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry founded the St. Louis Minority
18 Journalism Workshop, a training program for aspiring high
19 school journalists; he joined The Chicago Tribune in 1983 and
20 is best known for his editorship of Emerge Magazine from 1993
21 to 2000; during his tenure with Emerge, the magazine received
22 more than 40 journalism awards; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry was among the journalists who
24 founded the Greater St. Louis Association of Black
25 Journalists; in 2003, Mr. Curry was named Journalist of the

1 Year by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ);
2 he is also on the NABJ's list of Most Influential Black
3 Journalists of the 20th Century; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry is survived by his sister,
5 Charlotte Purvis; son, Edward Curry; granddaughter, Neyah
6 Curry; and a host of family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, his passion for life will be remembered
8 fondly; Mr. Curry was a valued member of the community and was
9 loved by many; his presence will be greatly missed and his
10 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
11 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of George E. Curry
14 is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his death,
15 we also celebrate his life; this resolution is offered in
16 highest tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family
17 and friends, whose grief is shared by many.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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 25-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

06-SEP-16

Adopted