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3 By Representative Hanes  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 11-JAN-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 RECOGNIZING RUDDER FUNERAL HOME ON ITS 103RD  
4 ANNIVERSARY.

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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
7 presented to Rudder Funeral Home on the momentous occasion of  
8 its 103rd Anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, the highly esteemed family business traces  
10 its roots to 1914 when "Mr. Jack" Rudder and Colonel Ben Ellis  
11 started a venture that provided caskets and a horse-drawn  
12 hearse service; and

13 WHEREAS, "Mr. Jack" Rudder became sole owner of  
14 Rudder Funeral Home upon the death of Colonel Ben Ellis and  
15 expanded and modernized the business in 1927 with the purchase  
16 of a motorized hearse; and

17 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, second generation A.G.  
18 "Dinky" Rudder began working at Rudder Funeral Home and  
19 completed mortuary school at Gupton-Jones in Nashville,  
20 Tennessee, in 1932; and

21 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, third generation John  
22 E. Rudder, began working at Rudder Funeral Home and completed  
23 his education at Gupton-Jones in Nashville in 1957; he worked  
24 alongside his father, A.G. "Dinky" Rudder, until the passing  
25 of A.G. "Dinky" Rudder in August 1967; and

1           WHEREAS, the fourth generation began to work in the  
2 family business in 1977, and John Cook Rudder graduated  
3 Mortuary School in Birmingham at Jefferson State Community  
4 College in 1982; and

5           WHEREAS, the Rudders purchased and began renovating  
6 the old Word Funeral Home in Scottsboro, Alabama, in April  
7 1983; Rudder Funeral Home hosted open house on Sunday, June 1,  
8 1984; and

9           WHEREAS, in 2002, fifth generation Lucas Rudder  
10 began working at the funeral home, and he graduated from  
11 Jefferson State Community College in 2008; and

12           WHEREAS, the distinguished women of the Rudder  
13 family have made considerable contributions to the development  
14 of Rudder Funeral home as well; Mary Anna Rudder, wife of A.G.  
15 "Dinky" Rudder established a flower shop near the funeral home  
16 when it was located near the old Simpson home; a new flower  
17 shop was built behind the funeral home when it relocated to a  
18 new facility in 1975; and

19           WHEREAS, through the years, the Rudder family has  
20 earned widespread admiration and respect for their tireless  
21 dedication and exceptional abilities; they have exceeded  
22 expectations in providing the community with remarkable  
23 service; now therefore,

24           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Rudder Funeral Home is highly

1 honored and commended on the occasion of its 103rd  
2 Anniversary, and this resolution is offered to the Rudder  
3 family in deepest admiration and appreciation for their  
4 immeasurable service, as well as with sincere best wishes for  
5 continued success in all future endeavors.

