

# HJR176 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Clouse, Paramore, Rehm, Paschal  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 24-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 COMMENDING THE INAUGURAL OZARK COLLARD GREEN FESTIVAL.

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6 WHEREAS, the Ozark Collard Green Festival, founded by  
7 Ms. Belinda Thomas, was established to celebrate the  
8 cultural significance of collard greens through food,  
9 farming, art, wellness, and education, and to serve as a  
10 growing platform that uplifts local farmers, artists, and  
11 food innovators; and

12 WHEREAS, Alabama's agricultural and cultural  
13 identities are deeply rooted in the traditions of greens and  
14 root vegetables, and few foods represent the intersection of  
15 health, heritage, and community as meaningfully as collard  
16 greens; and

17 WHEREAS, rich in vitamins and essential nutrients,  
18 collard greens are both a staple of Southern cuisine and a  
19 symbol of nourishment, resilience, and shared history across  
20 generations; and

21 WHEREAS, from family kitchens and church gatherings  
22 to community celebrations and holiday tables, collard greens  
23 with potlikker have long served as a unifying cultural  
24 experience for Alabamians, and the tradition of dipping  
25 cornbread into potlikker reflects the warmth, hospitality,  
26 and resourcefulness that define our state; and

27 WHEREAS, the Ozark Collard Green Festival recognizes  
28 Alabama's significant role in collard green production and



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29 honors the farmers, cooks, artisans, and community leaders  
30 who sustain these traditions; and

31 WHEREAS, just as the peanut has come to symbolize  
32 Alabama's agricultural heritage, collard greens represent a  
33 living tradition that connects our past, present, and  
34 future; and

35 WHEREAS, this festival celebrates not only a beloved  
36 food, but also the people, stories, and communities whose  
37 lives and histories are woven into Alabama's culinary and  
38 agricultural legacy; now therefore,

39 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
40 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend the inaugural  
41 Ozark Collard Green Festival, held November 15, 2025, and  
42 extend our appreciation to its founder, organizers,  
43 participants, and supporters for their efforts to preserve  
44 and promote Alabama's rich agricultural and cultural  
45 traditions.



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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  
and was passed by the House 26-Feb-26.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**05-Mar-26**

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