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3 By Representatives Buskey, Bracy, Boyd, Baker, Ball, Bandy,
4 Barton, Baughn, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bridges,
5 Brown, Burdine, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clouse,
6 Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake,
7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,
9 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,
17 Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J),
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 05-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STATE
4 REPRESENTATIVE YVONNE KENNEDY, PH.D.
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6 WHEREAS, the Honorable State Representative Yvonne
7 Kennedy, Ph.D., departed this life on December 8, 2012, at the
8 age of 67 years; and

9 WHEREAS, a dynamic and beloved civic leader, she was
10 the President Emeritus of S.D. Bishop State Community College
11 as well as an exemplary legislator; and

12 WHEREAS, she dedicated her life to fighting on
13 behalf of her constituents; her numerous legislative
14 accomplishments reflected her unwavering commitment to
15 justice, voting rights, and equality of opportunity, and her
16 spiritual, altruistic, and educational contributions are
17 unparalleled; and

18 WHEREAS, born on January 8, 1945, she earned her
19 Bachelor's Degree from Alabama State University, Master's
20 Degree from Morgan State University in Maryland, Doctor of
21 Philosophy Degree from The University of Alabama, and Honorary
22 Doctorate of Letters from Lane College in Tennessee; and

23 WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Alabama House
24 of Representatives in April 1979, and she served as the
25 President of S.D. Bishop State Community College in Mobile for

1 25 years, providing the leadership for the college's growth to
2 the heights of academic and career training excellence; her
3 further contributions to education included serving as Vice
4 Chair of the Board of Trustees of Miles College and as Board
5 member for 12 years; and

6 WHEREAS, additionally, she was a devout member of
7 the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and active leader in
8 many worthy causes, including being the National President of
9 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Chair of the Mobile County United
10 Negro College Fund Campaign, Youth Director for the Board of
11 Christian Education (Southeast Alabama Conference), and Board
12 member of the American Association for Higher Education and
13 America's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation; and

14 WHEREAS, in her role as a legislator, she earned the
15 respect of constituents and colleagues, formerly serving as
16 Chair of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus and effectively
17 representing Mobile's 97th District for 33 years; she was the
18 Ranking Minority Member of both the Children and Senior
19 Advocacy Committee and Economic Development and Tourism
20 Committee, and also served on the Transportation, Utilities
21 and Infrastructure Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, survivors include a brother, Joe L.
23 Kennedy; sisters, Floretta K. Moore and Brenda J. Kennedy;
24 aunts, Essemena M. Knight and Ernestine McMillan Miller;

1 godson, Jory Johnson; and a number of in-laws and other
2 relatives, along with many friends and admirers; and

3 WHEREAS, she impacted countless lives through the
4 years, and her far-reaching contributions are immeasurable;
5 although her vibrant presence will be greatly missed, her
6 legacy will endure; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable
9 State Representative Yvonne Kennedy, Ph.D., is recorded with
10 deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in highest
11 tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy to her
12 family, 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 05-FEB-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

19-FEB-13

Adopted