

1 HJR373
2 185758-2
3 By Representative England
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 27-APR-17

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 COMMENDING EARL HILLIARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
4 AND ACHIEVEMENTS.
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6 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
7 are herein proudly presented to Congressman Earl Frederick
8 Hilliard, who was elected to represent Alabama in Congress in
9 1992, and re-elected in 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000; his
10 election to the 103rd United States Congress in 1992 marked
11 the first time an African American had represented Alabama
12 since Reconstruction; and

13 WHEREAS, Hilliard earned degrees from Morehouse
14 College, Howard University, and Atlanta University; he was
15 awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters 2000 from
16 Talladega College; he taught at Miles College in 1967 and
17 1968, and was assistant to the President of Alabama State
18 University from 1968 to 1970; and

19 WHEREAS, before being elected to Congress, Hilliard
20 served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1975 to
21 1981 and the Alabama Senate from 1981 to 1992; during his time
22 in the Legislature, he chaired the Senate Commerce,
23 Transportation and Utility Committee and the Senate Judiciary
24 Committee; in 1986 and 1990, he was Chair of the Jefferson
25 County Senate Delegation; and

1 WHEREAS, in June 2016, Congressman Hilliard and his
2 wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary; they
3 have two children, Alesia Hilliard-Smith and Earl Hilliard,
4 Jr., and four grandchildren; he is a Life Member of Alpha Phi
5 Alpha Fraternity and the NAACP; he is also a member of the
6 National Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar
7 Association; and

8 WHEREAS, an avid civil rights foot soldier, Hilliard
9 worked with voter registration drives and participated in many
10 protest marches; he represented a congressional district that
11 included major cities at the heart of the civil rights
12 movement, including Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham; and

13 WHEREAS, his record of excellence and service
14 reflects immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; the
15 contributions of Congressman Hilliard are numerous and
16 valuable to the citizens of Alabama and he is truly deserving
17 of special recognition; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of his
20 exceptional record of service, Congressman Earl Hilliard is
21 honored and commended and this resolution is offered in
22 highest tribute to him along with best wishes for success in
23 all future endeavors.

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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 04-MAY-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

09-MAY-17

Adopted