

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Clair County Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to cause suitable and appropriate words to be inscribed upon or affixed to the new Junior High School to be built at Pell City, designating said building as "The O. D. Duran Junior High School".

Approved September 1, 1965.

Time: 6:58 P. M.

Act No. 736

H.J.R. 160—Avery, Salter, Tuck, Young,
Cates, Barnett

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Post-Herald for today, August 17, 1965, quotes Representative Armistead Selden as saying that the recent California riots were tragic, but should make the American public realize: "First that racial problems in the United States are not confined to the South. Second, that those who have condoned or even encouraged violations of local and state laws in Alabama are encouraging similar violations throughout the United States. Third, that the continued passage of discriminatory force legislation will not eliminate America's racial frictions;" now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we commend Representative Selden for his statement relative to the tragic situation in California and particularly for his judicious evaluation of the causes of the current riots and racial frictions now plaguing this Nation and his succinct and forceful enumeration of the lessons which should be learned by peoples throughout America from recent riots.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is particularly pleased that Representative Selden took this opportunity to point out to the world that Alabama has no monopoly on discontent and urges him to make this point again whenever the opportunity arises.

Approved September 1, 1965.

Time: 6:57 P. M.

Act No. 737

H.J.R. 161—Pennington, Hain, Nettles, Casey

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees to the people the right to

peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for redress of grievances; and

WHEREAS, demonstrations under the guise of a petition for redress of grievances have become commonplace in Alabama and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, these demonstrations have far exceeded both in scope and numbers of participants anything reasonably necessary to present a petition for a redress of grievances or to dramatize any grievance; and

WHEREAS, the size, scope and frequency of these demonstrations has placed such an unreasonable burden upon the various law enforcement agencies of this State that police officials, State Troopers and other law enforcement personnel have been diverted from their usual duties to maintain law and order at the site of the demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has suffered sharp increases in traffic accidents, in traffic deaths and immeasurable property damage due to this diversion of police officers from their regular duties; and

WHEREAS, Alabama citizens are basically law abiding and have a deep respect for law and order, but abhor these illegal acts of civil disobedience exhibited by such mass demonstrations which have caused deaths, personal injuries, destruction of property and the interruption of business and private pursuits of Alabama citizens; and

WHEREAS, experience has proven that judicial regulation of demonstrations and limitation of numbers of participants is an invaluable tool in the preservation of law and order; and

WHEREAS, it is the considered judgment of the Legislature of Alabama that there is a reasonable expectation of continued mass demonstrations in this State, involving civil disobedience and breaches of the peace which, if not regulated by appropriate judicial means and are allowed to continue unregulated and unabated will constitute a grave threat to the public safety and seriously endanger life and property of the demonstrators and the public alike; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the limited number of law enforcement personnel available and a limitation on the capability of state and local governments to finance additional law enforcement personnel, and recognizing the possibility of grave and irreparable damage to the citizens of the State without adequate police protection; and

WHEREAS, the atmosphere and emotions involved in all

demonstrations are potentially explosive and bring together the same combination of forces from which riots erupt;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Alabama, both Houses thereof concurring, as follows:

1. That the Governor of Alabama is hereby requested to act in situations where he has reasonable cause to believe that a demonstration is impending, to petition the appropriate Federal Court with jurisdiction in the area, to regulate such demonstrations by judicial decree prescribing the time, place and number of participants of such demonstrations.

2. That the President of the United States is respectfully requested to foster and encourage a responsible attitude on the part of all of our citizenry by giving public recognition to the fact that demonstrations constitute a grave threat to the maintenance of law and order throughout these United States and that they bring forth an atmosphere and environment of the sort wherein riots erupt, and that the President is further respectfully requested to implement this public recognition by inaugurating and aggressively pursuing policies throughout the executive branch of the Federal Government which are calculated to discredit demonstrations and demonstrators and to encourage and promote the strict regulation thereof.

3. That in any situation involving civil disobedience, rioting, arson, sniping, or other acts of insurrection, or which create conditions which, in the judgment of the Governor of the State of Alabama the law enforcement personnel of this State are unable to control and suppress without impairment or curtailment of necessary state and local services to which the public is entitled or if, in the judgment of the Governor, extra police protection occasioned by any such acts of disorder and lawlessness imposes financial responsibilities beyond the capability of state and local government to meet from available revenues, that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and encouraged to take such action as may be deemed advisable to request the United States Government to furnish and defray the cost of such police protection as may be necessary in the public interest.

4. That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, to the United States Senators from the State of Alabama, and to each member of Congress from the State of Alabama.

Approved September 1, 1965.

Time: 6:30 P. M.