

1 HJR203
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 15-FEB-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES VILLARD BALCH.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death on January 25, 2018, of Mr. James Villard Balch of
7 Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 81 years, and

8 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
9 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
10 where he was highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch was born on October 12, 1936, to
12 Robert Villard Balch and Goldie Clayton Balch of Lexington
13 Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of Lexington High School,
15 he attended Florence State Teachers College, which is now the
16 University of North Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch established Bob Wallace Appliance
18 Service, Inc., in 1978, and Wallace Appliance Sales,
19 Incorporated in 1982; and

20 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Covenant Presbyterian
21 Church, Mr. Balch served as Deacon, Elder, and member of the
22 Geezers for God Bible Study Group; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch's professional affiliations
24 included the Metropolitan Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, where he
25 was awarded the J. Mercer Barnett Fellow Award and the Hixon

1 Fellow Award; he was avtive in local, state and national
2 politics and served on the Madison County Republican Executive
3 Committee and the State of Alabama Republican Executive
4 Committee; and

5 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his brothers,
6 Doyce Wendell Balch and Ralph Allen Balch; and sister, Frances
7 Louise Williams; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 60
9 years, Jeanette Haygood Balch; son, James Wade Balch;
10 grandson, Ryan Dee Balch (Amanda); granddaughter, Erin Ann
11 Balch Wasson (Christopher); great-granddaughter, Brielle
12 Makenna Wasson; brothers, Ray Balch (Susan), and Anthony
13 Balch; sisters, Zelma Lee Hayes, Marcie Thalia Bullock
14 (Orris), Ruth Mashburn, Carole Riddle (Frankie), and Melinda
15 Gail McGee (Larry); and a host of nieces and nephews; and

16 WHEREAS, although his preceded will be greatly
17 missed, the memory of Mr. Balch will be cherished in the
18 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. James Villard
21 Balch is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
22 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
23 his family, whose grief is shared by many.

