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3 By Representative Grimsley
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-FEB-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ARDIS BREWER COTTON.
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5 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of
6 Mr. Ardis Brewer Cotton of Headland, Alabama, on February 16,
7 2018, at 92 years of age, and we uplift his inspiring life and
8 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

9 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Ardis Brewer Cotton
10 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
11 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton graduated from a Saco, Alabama,
13 high school, and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Alabama
14 State University and his Master's Degree from Tuskegee
15 Institute; he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and
16 the Masonic Lodge Fellowship 439; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton served with much honor in World
18 War II; a lifelong educator, he taught at Headland, Henry
19 County, and Abbeville Middle Schools, Albany State University,
20 and the Headland Adult Education program; he contributed
21 exceptional leadership as the ~~principle~~ principal of Hartford
22 High School; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton was a consummate community
24 activist and a champion for youth and education; in

1 retirement, he worked at the Henry County Courthouse as a
2 Voter Registrant; and

3 WHEREAS, he accepted Christ into his life at an
4 early age; after moving to Headland, he joined Greater Shiloh
5 Baptist Church, where he served on various ministries and was
6 a devoted Deacon, Financial Secretary, and Sunday School
7 teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cotton married the love of his life,
9 Emma Mathis, on May 20, 1955, and their union was blessed with
10 three children; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his son, Byron C. Cotton;
12 daughter, Kassandra Sherrod (James); two granddaughters, Jade
13 and Alora; daughter-in-law, Betty; four sisters-in-law,
14 Catherine Humphrey "like a daughter" (Willie), Brenda Cotton,
15 Florine Mitchell, Genevieve Cotton; godson, Kendrick Spurling
16 (LaFrances); and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends; he was
17 preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Charlotte
18 Cotton; beloved and devoted wife of 63 years; son, Lawrence;
19 two sisters, Eulalia Coston and Oadie Ross; and two brothers,
20 Samuel Cotton and James Cotton (twin); and grandson, James
21 Sherrod, Jr.; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Ardis Brewer Cotton was a valued member
23 of the community; although his presence is greatly missed, his
24 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who
25 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
3 Mr. Ardis Brewer Cotton, we are extremely grateful for his
4 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
5 to his legacy, as well as with heartfelt sympathy to his
6 family and friends.

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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 passed by the House 01-MAR-18 and was passed again as amended by Executive Amendment 22-MAR-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	<hr/> 13-MAR-18 <hr/>	Passed
Senate	22-MAR-18	Passed, as amended by Executive Amendment
