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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 23-FEB-10

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. GOPI PODILA.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret that we note the
11 tragic and untimely passing of Dr. Gopi Podila at the age of
12 52 years; and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of Nagarjuna University in
14 India, Dr. Podila earned his master's degree in plant biology
15 from Louisiana State University and his doctorate in molecular
16 biology from Indiana State University; and

17 WHEREAS, chair of the Biology Department at the
18 University of Alabama - Huntsville, Dr. Podila specialized in
19 research relating to bioenergy, plant-microbe interactions,
20 plant genetics, and biotechnology, with specific application
21 toward biofuel production; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Podila was instrumental in the founding
23 of the doctoral program in Biology at UAH; he is remembered by
24 students and colleagues alike as a kind and committed educator
25 and researcher with a genuine love for his craft; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Podila is survived by his wife and two
27 teenage daughters; his passing is a great loss to his family

1 and members of the community who remember him as a brilliant
2 man with an inspiring soul; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Dr. Gopi Podila
5 is hereby celebrated in this special tribute and that, by copy
6 of this resolution, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his
7 family.