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3 By Representatives Sanderford, McCutcheon, Johnson (W),  
4 Williams (P), Patterson, Ball and Hall  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 08-MAR-11

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. LEWIS HALL MCCURDY, JR.  
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of Dr. Lewis Hall McCurdy, Jr., of  
12 Brownsboro, Alabama, on February 28, 2011, at the age of 61  
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the death of Dr. McCurdy leaves a void in  
15 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded  
17 as a longtime veterinarian and civic leader; and

18 WHEREAS, the son of the late Lewis and Beulah  
19 McCurdy of Lowndesboro, he graduated from the Lowndes Academy  
20 in 1968 and attended Auburn University, receiving his  
21 Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Degree upon completing a  
22 preceptorship in Daphne in 1974, after which he moved with his  
23 family to Huntsville; in 1980, he opened McCurdy Animal  
24 Hospital and continued to practice until the time of his  
25 death; through the years, he saved the lives of countless pets  
26 as well as homeless animals; and

1                   WHEREAS, Dr. McCurdy served the community at both  
2 the state and local levels in many organizations including:  
3 the Board of Directors of the Greater Huntsville Humane  
4 Society, the Board of Directors of the Animal Emergency Clinic  
5 of North Alabama, the Vestry of the Church of the Nativity,  
6 the Board of Directors of the Burritt Museum, and the Madison  
7 County Veterinary Association, serving as president and in  
8 other capacities; and

9                   WHEREAS, he also held numerous offices in the  
10 Alabama Veterinary Association, including the presidency, and  
11 was honored with the award of Alabama Veterinarian of the Year  
12 in 2007 in addition to the prestigious Service Award for  
13 Lifetime Achievement; and

14                   WHEREAS, Dr. McCurdy was also the founder and  
15 charter president of the Alabama Veterinary Medical  
16 Foundation, and he was instrumental in starting the low-cost  
17 Spay/Neuter License Plate Program, with proceeds from the sale  
18 of automobile tags going to low-income families to help with  
19 their pets; and

20                   WHEREAS, he is survived by his devoted wife, Nancy  
21 Pate McCurdy; two children, Elizabeth (John) Koisch and Dr.  
22 Lewis Hall (Eleanor) McCurdy, III; five grandchildren, Lewis  
23 Hall McCurdy, IV, John Joseph Koisch, III, Lewis Alexander  
24 Koisch, Eliza Pate McCurdy, and Grayson Anne McCurdy;  
25 brothers, Billy (Pam) McCurdy and David McCurdy;  
26 brother-in-law, Bubba (Lindsay) Pate and Mitchell (Beth) Pate;  
27 and many additional beloved family members; and

1                   WHEREAS, Dr. McCurdy loved people and was passionate  
2 about his profession; although his presence will be missed,  
3 his legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the  
4 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now  
5 therefore,

6                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. Lewis Hall  
8 McCurdy, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
9 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along  
10 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.