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3       By Representatives Merrill, Harper, Poole and England  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 22-MAR-11

MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES RUFUS DOCKERY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is received of the death of Dr. James Rufus Dockery, a lifelong resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on March 1, 2011, at the age of 81; Dr. Dockery was born in Tuscaloosa on March 11, 1929, and operated a local private dental practice for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery received his doctorate of dental medicine from the University of Alabama in Birmingham; he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, Psi Omega dental fraternity, and Omega Kappa Epsilon, National Dental Honorary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery served as a dental officer in the United States Air Force and was active in the community; he belonged to many civic and social groups including, the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Tuscaloosa Appeals Review Board, Indian Hills Country Club, Druid Civitan Club, Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce, and Mauvilla Hunting Club; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery was a life member of The  
2           American Dental Association and the Alabama Dental  
3           Association, where he served on the Board of Trustees for many  
4           years; he also served the citizens of Tuscaloosa as a member  
5           of the Tuscaloosa City Council and the Tuscaloosa Convention  
6           and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors; and

7           WHEREAS, to his family and friends, Dr. Dockery was  
8           known as a gentle man who cared about helping others; he was  
9           known for his personality and willingness to serve others and  
10          he counted as the joy of his life, his wife, family, and  
11          friends; he was an active member of the University Church of  
12          Christ; and

13          WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery was preceded in death by his  
14          parents, Samuel Francis and Gladys Powell Dockery; and his  
15          brother, Billy Frank Dockery; and

16          WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery is survived by his wife of 52  
17          years, Sandra Boston Dockery; his daughters, Sandra Dockery  
18          (Scott) Holcombe, Deborah Dockery (Robin) Laurie, and Diana  
19          Dockery (Winton IV) Blount; son, Dr. James Rufus (Laura)  
20          Dockery, Jr.; grandchildren Elizabeth Laurie, Garrett Laurie,  
21          Beverley Blount, Frances Blount, Winton Blount,V, Linda  
22          Holcombe, John Scott Holcombe, Taylor Dockery, Katherine  
23          Dockery, and Forrest Dockery; his presence will be greatly  
24          missed, and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and  
25          minds of those who knew him; now therefore

26          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. James Rufus

1        Dockery is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this  
2        resolution heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving  
3        family and friends.