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3 By Representatives Merrill, Harper, Poole and England

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES RUFUS DOCKERY.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery served as a dental officer in
22 the United States Air Force and was active in the community;
23 he belonged to many civic and social groups including, the
24 Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate
25 Veterans, Tuscaloosa Appeals Review Board, Indian Hills
26 Country Club, Druid Civitan Club, Tuscaloosa Chamber of
27 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, 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.