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3 By Representatives Robinson (O), Moore (M), Coleman, Rogers,
4 McAdory and Givan
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 29-MAR-11

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUDGE DAVID BARNES.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of our friend and former colleague, Judge
12 David Barnes of Birmingham, Alabama, on March 25, 2011, at the
13 age of 67 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the death of Judge Barnes 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 and

18 WHEREAS, born December 29, 1943, in Birmingham, he
19 was the son of Alex and Essie Mae Barnes; after graduating
20 from A.H. Parker High School, he served his country with honor
21 and distinction in the United States Army before earning his
22 Bachelor of Science Degree from Miles College and his Law
23 Degree from Texas Southern University; and

24 WHEREAS, a lover of law and of justice, he served as
25 the first Dean of the Miles College School of Law, where he
26 was also an instructor for several years; he practiced law in
27 both the public and private sectors, and at one time served as

1 an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama; in
2 addition, he served with distinction in the Alabama State
3 House of Representatives before being appointed as a Municipal
4 Judge for the City of Birmingham; and

5 WHEREAS, at Miles College, he pledged Omega Psi Phi
6 Fraternity, Incorporated, and was part of the legendary
7 Supreme 13; he was an active supporter of his fraternity and
8 of his brothers, young and old, and took great pride in being
9 an Omega; and

10 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a
11 lifelong member of the Friendship Baptist Church of
12 Collegeville, where he served as a Deacon and as Sunday School
13 Superintendent and teacher; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
15 in death by his beloved wife, Erma J. Barnes, and brother,
16 Tommie; and

17 WHEREAS, he is survived by three children, David
18 (Patrice) Kenyatta, Delwin (Chanequa), and Greta (Bradford)
19 Davette; three grandchildren, Kenya Nicole, Theodore King, and
20 Micah Jacob; two sisters, Rochelle Daniels and Ava (Micheal)
21 Averhart; two brothers, Willie "Sonnie" (Daisy) and Anthony;
22 and a host of adorning nieces, nephews, other family members,
23 and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Barnes was a valued member of the
25 community; although his presence will be missed, his legacy
26 will endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
27 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Judge David
3 Barnes is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
4 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
5 sympathy to his grieving family.