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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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUDGE DAVID BARNES.
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of our friend and former colleague, Judge
7 David Barnes of Birmingham, Alabama, on March 25, 2011, at the
8 age of 67 years; and

9 WHEREAS, the death of Judge Barnes leaves a void in
10 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
11 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
12 and

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

19 WHEREAS, a lover of law and of justice, he served as
20 the first Dean of the Miles College School of Law, where he
21 was also an instructor for several years; he practiced law in
22 both the public and private sectors, and at one time served as
23 an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama; in
24 addition, he served with distinction in the Alabama State

1 House of Representatives before being appointed as a Municipal
2 Judge for the City of Birmingham; and

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Judge Barnes was a valued member of the
23 community; although his presence will be missed, his legacy
24 will endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
25 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.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 31-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

06-APR-11

Adopted