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3 By Representatives Knight, Warren, Forte, Bracy, Grimsley,
4 Newton (D), Moore (M), Robinson (O), McAdory and Givan
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 31-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. E.D. NIXON, JR.
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5 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
6 receive news of the death of Mr. E.D. Nixon, Jr., of Los
7 Angeles, California, formerly of Montgomery, Alabama, on
8 February 28, 2011, at the age of 82 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon was a nationally acclaimed singer
10 and actor who was known professionally as Nick LaTour; his
11 illustrious career included appearances as a nightclub
12 performer and on television, in movies, in concerts, and on
13 the Broadway stage and beyond; in addition, he was a man of
14 devout faith who donated his talents to worthy causes and
15 loved to visit elementary schools to entertain children; and

16 WHEREAS, born in Montgomery in August 1928, he was
17 the son of Aleece Nixon and E.D. Nixon, Sr., who was an icon
18 of the Civil Rights Movement; and

19 WHEREAS, he attended Loveless Elementary School in
20 Montgomery and the Snow Hill Institute in Wilcox County before
21 leaving Alabama for New York City at the age of 16 to pursue a
22 career; after touring the United States and Canada as a
23 singer, he served his country in the United States Army; after
24 his discharge, he traveled to Mexico, where he earned a
25 Liberal Arts Degree from Mexico City College; and

1 WHEREAS, upon returning to New York City, Mr. Nixon
2 enjoyed a successful career in the theatre; he made his acting
3 debut in Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" and toured Europe in
4 Langston Hughes' musical, "Jericho"; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon moved to Hollywood in 1976, and
6 was much in demand as a guest on such television shows as "The
7 Jeffersons," "Good Times," "Beauty and the Beast," and
8 "Murder, She Wrote"; his film credits included "Big Bad
9 Momma," "Deep Cover," and many more; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
11 in death by his stepmother, Arlett Nixon, and several uncles,
12 aunts, and cousins; and

13 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death a number of
14 devoted relatives including Geraldine Nixon, Polly Nixon,
15 David (Gladys) Nixon, Pinkie Davis, Jackye Nixon, Alex (Betty)
16 Nixon, Alma Johnson, and his godson, Michael Eaddy; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon was a man of great talent who
18 believed in himself and believed in God; he pursued his dream
19 and achieved the heights of fame while providing entertainment
20 to thousands of people; although his presence will be missed,
21 his legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the
22 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA,
25 BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. E.D.

1 Nixon, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
2 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
3 sympathy to his grieving family.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

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

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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