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3 By Representatives Wren, Love, Hubbard (J), Beckman, Baker,
4 Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe,
5 Boyd, Bracy, Bridges, Brown, Burdine, Buskey, Buttram,
6 Canfield, Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Colston, Davis,
7 DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,
8 Galliher, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall,
9 Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (M),
10 Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W),
11 Jones, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Mask,
12 McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin,
13 McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell,
14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D),
15 Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne, Poole, Rich, Roberts,
16 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Shiver,
17 Thomas, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren,
18 Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P) and Wood

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 31-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DON MARKWELL.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
6 received of the death of Don Markwell, a long-time resident of
7 Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. Markwell was born in Island,
8 Kentucky, on January 29, 1936, and was best known during his
9 50-year radio career for his "Viewpoint," a controversial,
10 issues-oriented radio talk show; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell attended Western Kentucky
12 University, where he insisted on serving as the unofficial
13 play-by-play announcer at Diddle Arena entertaining and
14 sometimes offending friends in the stands; he sang in the
15 chorale and later in life, he sang bass in barbershop and
16 gospel quartets and in the choir at Frazer United Methodist
17 Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell's radio career in Montgomery
19 began in the late 1950's when he became a night disc jockey
20 for WCOV 1170 AM; he later became Program Director and in
21 1967, he launched "Viewpoint"; in 1972, he became Operations
22 Manager; and

23 WHEREAS, by the mid-1970's, Mr. Markwell saw the
24 future of FM radio and country music as mainstream and with
25 Robert E. Lowder, Colonial Broadcasting was launched; Mr.

1 Markwell's successful format was a combination of music,
2 personalities, news, and community involvement; he served as
3 Vice President and General Manager of Colonial Broadcasting
4 for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell was preceded in death by his
6 parents, Elva and Elvis Taylor Markwell; he is survived by his
7 wife, Nell Rankin Markwell; identical twin brother, Ron
8 Markwell; sons, D. G. (Debbie) Markwell, Brent Taylor (Terri)
9 Markwell, Roger Warren (Angie) Markwell, and Gregory Wayne
10 Markwell; grandchildren, Weston Murphy Markwell, Brent Jamie
11 (Ashley) Markwell, Ryan Taylor (Melissa) Markwell, Matthew
12 Scott (Connie) Markwell, Wendy Lyn Sampson, Jacob Samuel
13 Williamson, Dudley Sellers, Ansley Kay Markwell, Margaret Anne
14 Markwell, Andrew Nolan Markwell, Meredith Taylor Markwell, and
15 Madelene Carolanne Markwell; and great-grandchildren, Aiden
16 Matthew Markwell, Brenton Walker Markwell, Kinsey Eissler, and
17 Parker Eissler; and a host of relatives and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell leaves a legacy of innovative
19 broadcasting and public service; his presence will be greatly
20 missed by many and his memory will be cherished in the hearts
21 and minds of those whose lives he touched; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Don Markwell is
24 recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this resolution

1 heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving family and
2 friends.

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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

07-APR-11

Adopted