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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Ball, Johnson (W), Williams  
4 (P), Hall, McCutcheon and Patterson  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 12-APR-11

MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. MILTON BOOTH PEELER.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Dr. Milton Booth Peeler of Huntsville, Alabama, on March 18, 2011, at the age of 84 years; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Peeler leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, born on March 21, 1926, he was the son of Phillips Woodson Peeler and Marjorie Booth Peeler and graduated from Huntsville High School as valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, after serving with honor and distinction in the United States Army Air Forces during and after World War II, he earned undergraduate and medical degrees from Vanderbilt University; following internship and residency at Vanderbilt, Dr. Peeler returned to Huntsville in 1956 to establish his pediatric practice and later cofounded Huntsville Pediatric Associates, where he practiced until his retirement in 1988; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Peeler served as president of the  
2       Madison County Medical Society, the Huntsville Academy of  
3       Medicine, and the Tennessee Valley Pediatric Society, as well  
4       as chief of staff at Huntsville Hospital; he was involved in  
5       polio eradication efforts, early childhood education, and  
6       primary care training, among other interests; and

7           WHEREAS, his roles of community leadership included  
8       service on a number of boards and commissions, including the  
9       Girls' Club; he chaired the administrative board, finance  
10      committee, staff-parish relations committee, and board of  
11      trustees at First United Methodist Church, where he was a  
12      lifetime member; and

13          WHEREAS, in retirement, Dr. Peeler cultivated his  
14      interests in gardening, piano, reading, golf, and travel, in  
15      addition to delivering Meals on Wheels and spoiling his  
16      grandchildren; and

17          WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 61 years,  
18      Betty Driver Peeler; five children, Patricia (Joel) Marshall,  
19      David (Cindy) Peeler, Virginia Peeler, Betty Booth Peeler, and  
20      Sarah Tatum; and six grandchildren, Jennifer and Adam  
21      Marshall, Blanton Tatum, and Andrew, Emily, and Elise Peeler;  
22      and

23          WHEREAS, Dr. Peeler was a valued member of the  
24      community; he will be sorely missed by family and friends as  
25      well as thousands of his former patients, whom he treasured  
26      and always treated with gentleness and skill; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. Milton Booth  
3   Peeler 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.