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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

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. MILTON BOOTH PEELER.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Dr. Milton Booth Peeler of Huntsville,  
12 Alabama, on March 18, 2011, at the age of 84 years; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, after serving with honor and distinction in  
21 the United States Army Air Forces during and after World War  
22 II, he earned undergraduate and medical degrees from  
23 Vanderbilt University; following internship and residency at  
24 Vanderbilt, Dr. Peeler returned to Huntsville in 1956 to  
25 establish his pediatric practice and later cofounded  
26 Huntsville Pediatric Associates, where he practiced until his  
27 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.