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3 By Representative Milligan  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 12-APR-11

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. RAYMOND WAYNE COBB, SR.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of our friend and former colleague, Mr.  
12 Raymond Wayne Cobb, Sr., of Hamilton, Alabama, on March 23,  
13 2011, at the age of 79 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Cobb leaves a void in  
15 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded  
17 as an educator and civic leader; he served effectively in the  
18 Alabama House of Representatives from 1979-83 and was credited  
19 with many accomplishments including widening Norfolk Bridge  
20 and repealing the five percent tax on electricity in his  
21 district; and

22 WHEREAS, born June 12, 1931, in Harvest, Alabama, he  
23 was the son of Walter Raymond and Lois Kennedy Cobb and was a  
24 1950 graduate of Huntsville High School; he served his country  
25 with honor and distinction from 1950-1952 during the Korean  
26 War, attaining the rank of Corporal; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb earned a Bachelor of Science  
2                   Degree in Business from the University of North Alabama in  
3                   1957 and a Master of Arts Degree in School Administration from  
4                   The University of Alabama in 1961; and

5                   WHEREAS, his early career in education included:  
6                   classroom teacher at T.R. Rogers High School in Greenhill,  
7                   Alabama, 1957; classroom teacher at Winfield High School,  
8                   1958; business teacher at Hamilton High School, 1959;  
9                   principal of Hackleburg High School, 1960-61; and principal of  
10                  Clayton High School 1961-62; and

11                  WHEREAS, from 1962-64, he served as a United States  
12                  Treasury Agent (ATF), having been valedictorian of his class  
13                  and a sharpshooter; and

14                  WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb returned to Marion County to help  
15                  establish Northwest State Technical College (now Bevill State  
16                  Community College) and served as dean from 1964-1981 and  
17                  president from 1981-89, focusing on aviation and the nursing  
18                  programs; upon his retirement, the school had a \$1 million  
19                  budget surplus; and

20                  WHEREAS, he was a member of the Pleasant Grove  
21                  Baptist Church; among his roles of civic leadership, he was  
22                  active in the Lions Club and Elks Lodge, a member of the  
23                  Masons, Zamora Temple Chapter of the Shriners, the VFW, and  
24                  the Sons of the American Revolution; he was a lifetime member  
25                  of the National Rifle Association and loved to hunt, fish, and  
26                  cook; and

1                   WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of 56  
2 years, Enid Mays Cobb; two children, Susan Enid Cobb and Dr.  
3 Raymond Wayne Cobb, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Kathryn Corinne  
4 Thomas Cobb; four grandchildren, Wyatt Edward, Lois Corinne,  
5 Sarah Kathryn, and Kennedy Mays Cobb; and a host of other  
6 relatives and friends; and

7                   WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded  
8 in death by an infant son, James Larkin Cobb; and

9                   WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb loved spending time with family  
10 and friends and was known as a brilliant and entertaining  
11 storyteller; although his presence will be missed, his memory  
12 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
13 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

14                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Raymond Wayne  
16 Cobb, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
17 is offered in highest tribute to his life of achievement and  
18 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.