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3 By Representatives Merrill, Poole, England and Harper  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. MASON RUDOLPH.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mr. Mason Rudolph on April 18, 2011, at  
12 the age of 76 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudolph was a well-known and highly  
14 successful professional golfer who settled in Tuscaloosa four  
15 years ago to be near his family and became an avid fan of the  
16 University of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, he grew up in Clarksville, Tennessee, where  
18 he was an outstanding young athlete and president of the  
19 student body at Clarksville High School; his golf career began  
20 at the age of 13 when he won the Clarksville Country Club  
21 Championship, and he attended Memphis State University on a  
22 golf scholarship; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudolph won the USGA Junior  
24 Championship in 1950, the same year he became the youngest  
25 player ever to compete in the U.S. Open, and he followed with  
26 numerous title wins; during a 21-year career on the PGA Tour,  
27 he played in 430 events, made the cut in 409, and won five

1 times; he was Rookie of the Year in 1959 and played in the  
2 Masters 14 times; as an amateur, he helped the United States  
3 win the Walker Cup in 1957, and he was a member of the winning  
4 Ryder Cup team, playing alongside Jack Nicklaus, Arnold  
5 Palmer, and Lee Trevino; and

6 WHEREAS, among his honors and recognitions, Sports  
7 Illustrated named him one of the 25 top athletes of the  
8 century in the State of Tennessee; after moving to Tuscaloosa,  
9 he continued to enjoy golf and played in one tournament a  
10 year; and

11 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,  
12 Susan Mason Rudolph and Jacob Courtney Rudolph, Sr.; brother,  
13 Jacob Courtney Rudolph, Jr.; and son, Craig Goodman Rudolph;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 52 years,  
16 Carol Griffin Rudolph; sons, Edgar Mason Rudolph, Jr., and  
17 Griffin Hill Rudolph; and six grandchildren, Charles Hunter  
18 Rudolph, John Myers Rudolph, Griffin Hill Rudolph, Jr., Mary  
19 Rodgers Rudolph, William Mason Rudolph, and James Goodman  
20 Rudolph; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudolph was a golfing great who will  
22 also be remembered for his love of family and as a valued  
23 member of the community; although his presence will be missed,  
24 his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those  
25 who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Mason

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