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3 By Representatives Merrill, Poole, Baker, Harper, Long,
4 England, Davis, Williams (J) and Black
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 21-APR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF HOMER AUSTIN SMITH.

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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Homer Austin Smith of Tuscaloosa,
7 Alabama, on April 10, 2011, at the age of 79 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Smith served as a Lieutenant in the
9 United States Army and earned a Bachelor's degree from
10 Princeton, an MBA degree from Stanford, and a Master's of
11 Theological Studies degree from Harvard; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Smith's football experience spanned
13 over five decades; he served as head coach at Davidson
14 College, University of Pacific, and the U.S. Military Academy;
15 as offensive coordinator at UCLA, the Kansas City Chiefs,
16 University of Alabama, and Arizona; and as backfield coach at
17 the U.S. Air Force Academy and his alma mater, Stanford; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Smith was enshrined in the Davidson
19 Hall of Fame in 2000 and honored with a lifetime membership in
20 the Army Football Club in 2008; he was honored by the American
21 Football Coaches Association in 2007 with the prestigious
22 Outstanding Achievement Award; and

23 WHEREAS, an avid wordsmith, his home library was
24 filled with books on various subjects from religion to words;

1 he wrote several acclaimed books on football, and published a
2 novel; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is survived by his beloved wife
4 of 58 years, Kathryn Haskell Smith; daughters, Kimberly Smith
5 (Leamon) Hall, and Carolyn Smith (Dr. Wayne) Carpenter;
6 grandchildren, Taylor Hall, Shelby Hall, Madalyn Carpenter,
7 and Thomas Carpenter; and a host of relatives and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Homer Smith, a valued member of the sports
9 community who was known for his kindness, generosity,
10 integrity, love, and humor, served his community with great
11 leadership ability and tireless devotion; although his
12 presence will be missed, his memory will be cherished in the
13 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now
14 therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Homer Austin
17 Smith is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
18 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
19 to his grieving family.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 26-APR-11.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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