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3 By Representatives Merrill and Poole
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 24-MAY-11

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. COLVIN RICE.
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 receive news of the death of Mr. Colvin "Corky" Rice of
12 Northport, Alabama, on May 13, 2011, at the age of 78 years;
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14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Rice leaves a void in
15 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
16 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rice was self-employed in the heating,
18 cooling, and electrical maintenance business until retirement,
19 when his love of music and talent playing the harmonica
20 brought him and countless others many happy hours, including
21 the senior citizens and other local groups who were treated to
22 performances of the musical group, "T-Town Strummers"; and

23 WHEREAS, a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High
24 School, where he played in the band, Mr. Rice was a veteran
25 who served his country with honor and distinction during the
26 Korean War; he graduated from of the United States Navy

1 Conservatory of Music and also attended The University of
2 Alabama College of Engineering; and

3 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
4 Mary Eva and Joseph Rice; brothers, Clarence Rice, Colon Rice,
5 and Carl Rice; and sisters, Berniece Cooke, Beatrice Acker,
6 and Blanche Rice; and

7 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Fay
8 Rice; sons, Mike (Faye) Rice and Bill Watts; granddaughters,
9 Lacey Watts, Taylor Watts, and Haley Watts; grandson, David
10 McJenkin; great-grandson, Logan McJenkin; sister, Betty
11 Wiggins; sisters-in-law, Jimmie (Bill) Giles, Elaine Gray, Ann
12 (Dan) Whetstone, Eunice (Gordon) Walker, and Sybil (Bobby)
13 Hobson; brothers-in-law, Bob Wilson and Morris Acker; and
14 numerous nieces and nephews; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rice was a valued member of the
16 community; while his presence will be greatly missed, his
17 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
18 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Colvin Rice
21 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered
22 in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
23 to his grieving family.