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2 137499-2
3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 23-FEB-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARIA VICTORIA ORDWAY.

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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Mrs. Maria Victoria Ordway on February
7 15, 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Ordway leaves a void in
9 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
10 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, born in Nunchia, Boyaca, Columbia, she was
12 the daughter of Silvestre Arenas and Armira Diaz and grew up
13 in the Andean city of Sogamoso; she met the love of her life
14 and husband of 62 wonderful years, Fred Ordway, who was her
15 brother's roommate at Harvard, in Havana, Cuba; in April 1950,
16 the couple married at her family's magnificent Hacienda
17 Venecia; they settled in Northern New Jersey and Long Island,
18 New York, where Fred was involved in emerging rocket and space
19 programs; and

20 WHEREAS, from the mid-1950's to mid-1970's they
21 lived on Monte Sano in Huntsville and with much love,
22 enthusiasm, and dedication, she supported Fred's Army,
23 NASA-Marshall and UAH Research Institute careers; she
24 devotedly typed his book, article, and lecture manuscripts;

1 her husband's participation in the inception of the U.S. Space
2 and Rocket Center greatly delighted her; and

3 WHEREAS, with a beautiful smile always present on
4 her face, she had a warm, loving nature, easily made friends,
5 and was extremely close to her family; she enjoyed traveling
6 the world with Fred; an avid tennis player, she could hit a
7 powerful lob and loved to attend professional tennis
8 tournaments; and

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Maria
20 Victoria Ordway is recorded with deep sadness, and this
21 resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life, along
22 with heartfelt sympathy to her 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

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 28-FEB-12.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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