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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

9 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted  
10 husband Fred; their three children and spouses, Fred IV and  
11 Lisa Ordway, Albert and Nancy Ordway, and Marisol and Bob  
12 Lambert; cherished grandchildren, one sister, Beatriz de  
13 Londono; and many adoring nieces and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ordway was a valued member of the  
15 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
16 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who  
17 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

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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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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