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3 By Representative Carns
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. MORRIS MICHAEL GEE.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. Morris Michael Gee of Birmingham,
12 Alabama, on March 5, 2012, at the age of 66 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Gee leaves a void in the
14 lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire
15 community, where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born in Birmingham on October 28, 1945, he
17 was the son of Helen and Taylor Gee; he was a graduate of
18 Birmingham University School where he served as president of
19 the student body; he earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing
20 in 1968 and a MA in Marketing in 1969 from The University of
21 Alabama, where he was a president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon
22 Fraternity and was a member of a number of organizations at
23 the University including Omicron Delta Kappa; and

24 WHEREAS, he served as an intelligence officer in the
25 U.S. Air Force, Alabama National Guard; in 1969, he became
26 president of his father's business, The Pants Store; with much
27 dedication, he served the Birmingham community as well as the

1 state and was a member of state and local organizations; he
2 served as president of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce and as a
3 board member for 24 years; as secretary and treasurer of the
4 Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, as president of the Leeds Library
5 Foundation, as president of the Mountain Brook Adjustment and
6 Zoning Board, as president-elect of the Alabama Retail
7 Association, as member of Board of Directors of Am South Bank
8 in the Birmingham area, as member of the Retail Advisory Board
9 for The University of Alabama, and as regional co-captain of
10 the Tuscaloosa Capital Campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, a long-time member of Canterbury United
12 Methodist Church, he contributed his time as chairman of the
13 Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and Long-Range
14 Steering Committee and former president of the Crawford Owen
15 Sunday School Class; he worked as a part-time instructor of
16 management and marketing at UAB; he gave his sons, Michael and
17 John, the responsibility of managing The Pants Store; he
18 served as full-time teacher and director of UAB's internship
19 program; he loved teaching and enthusiastically mentored and
20 encouraged his students, helping them reach their full
21 potential; and

22 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
23 wife of 44 years, Harriet Hicks Gee; two sons, Morris Michael
24 (Melanie) Gee, Jr., and John Hicks (Kathleen) Gee; and four
25 beautiful grandchildren, Mae Grace, Morris Michael III,
26 Cecelia Kathleen, and Caroline Evelyn; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Gee was a valued member of the
2 community, although his presence will be greatly missed, his
3 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
4 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Morris
7 Michael Gee is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
8 is offered in highest tribute to his life, along with
9 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.