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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, Williams (P),
4 McCutcheon, Johnson (W) and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 20-MAR-12

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN STEPHEN EPPS.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. John Stephen Epps on March 7, 2012,
12 at the age of 83 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born in Trussville, Alabama, in his
17 grandmother's home, he was the son of the late Clarence Burton
18 and Cecil Ada Stephens Epps and grew up in the East Lake part
19 of Birmingham, graduating from Woodlawn High School; he
20 attended The University of Alabama, the Marion Military
21 Institute, where he attended the Episcopal Church with the
22 other cadets and found his religious home denomination, and
23 Auburn University; then, he was commissioned as a second
24 lieutenant into the U.S. Army; he also attended Samford
25 University and the former Athens State, earning a Bachelor of
26 Science Degree in Math and Physics; a member of the U.S. Army
27 Signal Corps, he was trained in electrical engineering; he

1 settled in Huntsville in 1957 and worked at Thiokol Chemical
2 Coporation for 35 years, developing a number of patented
3 inventions; and

4 WHEREAS, he loved taking trips with his wife to
5 their lake home in Guntersville, which he built with his sons,
6 and to their beach home in Gulf Shores, where they would
7 garden and relax; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
9 wife 60 years, Ann Blakeway Jemison Epps, who became his
10 girlfriend at 16; sister, Charlotte Elizabeth Epps (Wayne)
11 McGlohon; sons, John Michael (Carolyn) Epps, Robert (Michelle)
12 Burton Epps; Stephen Jemison (Donna) Epps, and Bruce Blakeway
13 (Amy) Epps, daughter, Elizabeth Ann Epps (Thomas) Bowers; ten
14 grandchildren, Benjamin Michael (Heather) Epps, Leslie Ann
15 Epps (Sean) Loughlin; Virginia Ann Epps (Thomas) Pilcher; Jay
16 Robert Pierce Epps, Stephen Nathaniel Epps, Sarah Grace Epps,
17 Emily Anne Epps, Margaret Ann Bowers, Ada Nellie Bowers, and
18 Isabelle Sun Bowers; and one great-grandchild, Charles Dever
19 Loughlin; and he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry
20 Lee Epps; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Epps was a valued member of the
22 community, although his presence will be greatly missed, his
23 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
24 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John Stephen
27 Epps is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is

1 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
2 sympathy to his grieving family.