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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

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN STEPHEN EPPS.

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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Mr. John Stephen Epps on March 7, 2012,
7 at the age of 83 years; and

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

11 WHEREAS, born in Trussville, Alabama, in his
12 grandmother's home, he was the son of the late Clarence Burton
13 and Cecil Ada Stephens Epps and grew up in the East Lake part
14 of Birmingham, graduating from Woodlawn High School; he
15 attended The University of Alabama, the Marion Military
16 Institute, where he attended the Episcopal Church with the
17 other cadets and found his religious home denomination, and
18 Auburn University; then, he was commissioned as a second
19 lieutenant into the U.S. Army; he also attended Samford
20 University and the former Athens State, earning a Bachelor of
21 Science Degree in Math and Physics; a member of the U.S. Army
22 Signal Corps, he was trained in electrical engineering; he
23 settled in Huntsville in 1957 and worked at Thiokol Chemical
24 Coporation for 35 years, developing a number of patented
25 inventions; and

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

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

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

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John Stephen
24 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.

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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 22-MAR-12.

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Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

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