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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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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 22-MAR-12.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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