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3 By Representatives Burdine, Greer, Black and Morrow
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. HARVEY ROBBINS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. Harvey Robbins on January 30,
12 2013, at the age of 80 years; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a highly successful industrialist
14 and dedicated community leader who contributed immeasurably to
15 his beloved hometown in retirement, Tuscumbia, Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1957, he was cofounder with his father
17 of National Floor Products Company in Florence, an enterprise
18 that he built into a world leader in flooring products; after
19 selling the company in 1994, he focused on property
20 development and projects for Tuscumbia, pouring millions of
21 dollars into the city, including a major makeover for Spring
22 Park, which has become one of the most popular destinations in
23 the Shoals, and he provided the land for the two Robert Jones
24 Golf Courses in Colbert County that were key to the success of
25 the Retirement Systems of Alabama's statewide project; and

26 WHEREAS, among his endeavors that resulted in
27 additional tax dollars for the city, Mr. Robbins purchased

1 several buildings and helped fledgling business owners open
2 shops in downtown Tuscumbia, in addition to creating a
3 streetscaping project and bringing back a venerable landmark,
4 Palace Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop; he also renovated the old
5 Tuscumbia Depot at Fifth and Water Street, now a museum with a
6 roundhouse and turntable; his successful endeavors to boost
7 the city brought national acclaim through feature stories in
8 numerous publications and television programs such as NBC's
9 Today Show; and

10 WHEREAS, a native of Dayton, Ohio, he moved with his
11 family to Tuscumbia at an early age, graduating from Deshler
12 High School and going on to attend both the University of
13 Florida and the University of North Alabama; in 1952, he
14 married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Ann McKinney, and
15 they had three children, six grandchildren, and five
16 great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Robbins served in
18 numerous capacities and on many local boards, including the
19 UNA Board of Trustees; he was a valued member of the community
20 and although his presence will be greatly missed, his legacy
21 will endure; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Harvey
24 Robbins is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
25 offered in highest tribute to his life and with heartfelt
26 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.