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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 21-FEB-13

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN EDWARD CLAYTON.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
11 we mourn the death of Mr. John Edward Clayton of Thomasville,  
12 Alabama, on February 9, 2013, at the age of 67 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 his loving family and his many friends; Mr. Clayton was  
15 retired after a number of years of employment with the State  
16 of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, born on March 31, 1945, he was the son the  
18 late Cecil Curry and Jessie Lee Williams; at an early age he  
19 became a Christian and joined Williams Temple CME Church in  
20 Thomasville; after graduating from A.L. Martin High School, he  
21 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served with  
22 honor and distinction in the Vietnam War; and

23 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his devoted  
24 wife of 43 years, Dorothy; son, John (Emily) Thornton;  
25 daughters, Katie Davis and Sonji Smith; sisters, Mamie  
26 (Jerome) Johnson and Cynthia (Vernon) Burroughs; brother,

1           Gilbert Austin; sisters-in-law, Goldie Aldridge, Betty Austin,  
2           Katie King, and Fostine Pate; brothers-in-law, Henry (Bernice)  
3           Jackson and Edward (Gloria) Jackson; grandchildren, Ashley  
4           Davis, John Edward Clayton Thornton, Chelsea Sellers, Michael  
5           Thornton, Latiesha Smith, and Alisha Davis; two  
6           great-grandchildren, Iriyana Smith and Kaelyn Sellers; and a  
7           host of other family members and friends; now therefore,

8                           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9                           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. John Edward  
10                          Clayton is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
11                          offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is  
12                          shared by many.