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3 By Representatives Warren, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn,
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Bridges,
5 Brown, Burdine, Buskey, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen,
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7 Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston,
8 Givan, Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry,
9 Hill, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M), Hurst, Ison,
10 Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W), Jones, Knight,
11 Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Love, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Poole,
15 Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sessions, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle,
17 Vance, Wallace, Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams
18 (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 14-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM JONES CHILDS.
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we mourn
6 the death of Mr. William Jones "Bill" Childs of Tuskegee,
7 Alabama, on February 6, 2013, at the age of 89 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Childs leaves a void in
9 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and a legion
10 of admirers for his accomplishments and extraordinary life;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, born on April 16, 1923, in Montgomery,
13 Alabama, the son of Idella Childs and Norman Childs, he grew
14 up in Marion; Mr. Childs was a Lincoln School graduate,
15 attended Alabama State University, and chose to become a
16 mechanic because he enjoyed working with his hands; and

17 WHEREAS, he was highly skilled and held the
18 distinction of repairing the aircraft of the acclaimed
19 Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; Mr. Childs was ranked the
20 82nd Best Aircraft Mechanic/Fabricator in all North America
21 and later also worked at Craig Air Force Base; he was a
22 Charter Member of Negro Airmen International and also a member
23 of Black Pilots of America, which was close to his heart, but
24 was most proud to be identified as one of the Tuskegee Airmen;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, for more than 37 years, he was a well-known
2 and respected businessman who owned and operated a Standard
3 Oil/Chevron Station; and

4 WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, Mr. Childs was elected
5 Justice of the Peace, the first Black elected official since
6 Reconstruction, and he served two terms for a total of eight
7 years in Macon County; and

8 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was the
9 father of one daughter, Joyce Marie, and two sons, William
10 Jones Childs, Jr., and Robert Wayne Childs; he was a member of
11 Washington Chapel AME Church, where he served with the
12 Progressive Men's Club and with the Trustees; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and two of his
14 four siblings, he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 61
15 years, Barbara Childs, whom he met because she too worked with
16 the Tuskegee Airmen, as a dispatcher; and

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 14-FEB-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

26-FEB-13

Adopted