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3 By Representatives Burdine, Greer, Black and Morrow  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 14-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. HARVEY ROBBINS.  
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5 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss  
6 that we mourn the death of Mr. Harvey Robbins on January 30,  
7 2013, at the age of 80 years; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, among his endeavors that resulted in  
22 additional tax dollars for the city, Mr. Robbins purchased  
23 several buildings and helped fledgling business owners open  
24 shops in downtown Tuscumbia, in addition to creating a  
25 streetscaping project and bringing back a venerable landmark,

1 Palace Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop; he also renovated the old  
2 Tuscumbia Depot at Fifth and Water Street, now a museum with a  
3 roundhouse and turntable; his successful endeavors to boost  
4 the city brought national acclaim through feature stories in  
5 numerous publications and television programs such as NBC's  
6 Today Show; and

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 19-FEB-13.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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26-FEB-13

Adopted