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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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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 19-FEB-13.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

26-FEB-13

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