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2 149306-2
3 By Representatives Sanderford and Patterson
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 21-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STEVE ERNEST TONDERA, SR.

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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
6 we mourn the death of Mr. Steve Ernest Tondera, Sr., of
7 Huntsville, Alabama, on February 13, 2013, at the age of 79
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
10 his loving family and his many friends; and

11 WHEREAS, born on September 20, 1933, in Bellmead,
12 Texas, he was the son of Stephan John Tondera and Ottolie
13 Marie Pursche Tondera; he graduated from Baylor University
14 with a Degree in Mathematics and Physics and served with honor
15 and distinction in the United States Army, stationed at
16 Redstone Arsenal; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a charter member of NASA, a
18 dedicated Baptist churchman, and a progressive cattleman; his
19 leadership roles in civic and charitable organizations
20 included the University of South Alabama Foundation, Lions
21 Club, and the American Red Cross, among others; he enjoyed
22 raising registered Santa Gertrudis cattle on the "Diamond T"
23 Ranch, and collecting antique tools and barbed wire; he
24 especially enjoyed riding the train and collecting railroad

1 memorabilia; he will be remembered for his many random acts of
2 kindness, often to strangers; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
4 predeceased by a brother, Ernest, and four sisters, Elsie
5 Powell, Agnes Curtis, Annie Haenchen, and Albert Dorcey; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Bonnie Perkins
7 Tondera; daughter, Tamra Tondera (Denny) Renfrow; sons, Steven
8 Tondera, Jr., and Joe Tondera; brother, Harold Tondera; and
9 six grandchildren; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Steve Ernest
12 Tondera, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
13 resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family,
14 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 26-FEB-13.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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