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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, Johnson (W),
4 Williams (P), McCutcheon and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 12-FEB-13

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. JULIAN DAVIDSON, SPACE AND
4 MISSILE DEFENSE PIONEER AND U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
5 BENEFACTOR.
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7 WHEREAS, Dr. Julian Davidson of Huntsville, Alabama,
8 founder of Davidson Technologies and benefactor of the U.S.
9 Space & Rocket Center's Davidson Center for Space Exploration,
10 died January 31, 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Oakman, Alabama, in Walker
12 County, Dr. Davidson received a Bachelor's Degree in
13 Electrical Engineering from Auburn University and a Doctor of
14 Science Degree from Southeastern Institute of Technology; and

15 WHEREAS, before founding the aerospace and defense
16 company Davidson Technologies in 1996, Dr. Davidson was Deputy
17 Program Manager of Ballistic Missile Defense for the U.S. Army
18 and was the first director of the Advanced Ballistic Missile
19 Defense Agency; and

20 WHEREAS, a pioneer of space and missile defense, Dr.
21 Davidson's distinguished career spanned nearly 60 years; his
22 technical expertise combined with unparalleled leadership
23 talents propelled him through a long and illustrious career
24 achieving success in both government and industry; his legacy

1 lives on in many of the technologies in use today in the
2 development of our space and missile defense systems; and

3 WHEREAS, the employees of Davidson Technologies are
4 especially saddened because Dr. Davidson was a friend and
5 mentor, and his kind, humble, and gentle spirit inspired
6 everyone who worked for him; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Davidson is remembered for his
8 generosity in the Huntsville community; he and his wife,
9 Dorothy, donated \$2 million to boost fund-raising efforts for
10 the 68,000 square-foot, \$22 million Davidson Center for Space
11 Exploration at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center; the Davidson
12 Center, which opened in 2008, houses a restored original
13 Saturn V rocket, one of only three remaining in the world, and
14 the center has become a premiere tourist attraction in North
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, the Davidsons also generously contributed
17 \$2 million toward the construction of the Davidson Center for
18 the Arts at the Huntsville Museum of Art; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Davidson is survived by his wife,
20 Dorothy Davidson; children, Diana Lynn Davidson, M.D., Janice
21 Faye Davidson, Randall Eugene Davidson, and Robert Lee (Amy)
22 Davidson; grandchildren, Wendy Faith Holderfield and William
23 Blair Peyton; and three great-granddaughters, Teagan
24 Holderfield, Shelby Holderfield, and Michaela Holderfield; now
25 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the entire Madison County
3 Legislative Delegation joins the Legislature in mourning the
4 death of Dr. Julian Davidson.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God
6 for the extraordinary life and service of Dr. Davidson, and we
7 extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family, for whom
8 a copy of this resolution is provided.

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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 21-FEB-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

05-MAR-13

Adopted