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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,

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

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

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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 21-FEB-13.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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