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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-13

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN LEE MARTIN.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. John Lee Martin on  
11 February 17, 2013, with deep sadness; we celebrate and commend  
12 his immeasurable life with thanksgiving; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. John Lee Martin leaves a  
14 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
15 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born November 8, 1932, in Grove Hill,  
17 Alabama, he was the son of the late Walter Lee and Gertrude  
18 Dickinson Martin; he confessed Christ at an early age and  
19 joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Grove Hill, Alabama; after  
20 relocating to Thomasville with his parents, he joined New Hope  
21 No. 1 Missionary Baptist Church; he attended public school in  
22 Thomasville, graduating in 1951; he served two years in the  
23 United States Army and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he  
24 worked with the Georgia Nut Company, retiring after 33 years  
25 of outstanding service; and

1                   WHEREAS, survivors include a loving, very devoted  
2 daughter and caregiver, Patsy Ruth (Napoleon) Smith, Sr.; two  
3 grandsons, Napoleon (Yolanda) Smith, Jr., and Nicholas Smith,  
4 Sr.; six great-grandchildren, Jordan, Romel, Donta, Alexis,  
5 Kianna, and Nicholas, Jr.; three sisters, Joyce Walker  
6 (Jarried Rivers), Wynderlyn Benjamin, and Sherron (Alfonza)  
7 McCoy; two sisters-in-law, Doris Martin and Loretta Anderson;  
8 a lifelong friend, Mrs. Pearlie Davis; a loving friend, Ms.  
9 Emma Johnson; four god-grandchildren, Tammy Johnson, Kia  
10 Johnson, Terry Rogers, and Son Rogers; six devoted cousins and  
11 god-sisters, Juanita Malone, Gaynette Reasor Ford, Martha  
12 Burroughs, Bessie Washington, Emma (James) Nobles, and Dorothy  
13 Allen; an adopted daughter, Ann Pope; two devoted cousins,  
14 Tread and LeDora Woods; a devoted nephew, Larry (Gayanell)  
15 Walker; two devoted nieces, Angelia Martin and Felicia (Roger)  
16 McBride; and a host of other adored family members; he was  
17 preceded in death by his father, Walter Lee Martin; mothers,  
18 Gertrude Martin and Grace Martin; brothers, Oneal Martin and  
19 W.C. Anderson; sister, Gloria Winston; and god-sisters, Amanda  
20 Garrett and Mattie Allen; and

21                   WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was a valued member of the  
22 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory  
23 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
24 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

25                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of

1 Mr. John Lee Martin, we are grateful for his abundant life and  
2 we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his legacy, as  
3 well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.