

1 HR198  
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3 By Representative Jackson  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 02-APR-13

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES FENDLEY MITCHELL.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. James Fendley  
11 Mitchell, a native and resident of Jackson, Alabama, on March  
12 8, 2013, with deep sadness; his immeasurable life of 75 years  
13 is celebrated and commended with thanksgiving; and

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

17 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Bugg", he was a  
18 member of New Saint Matthew Baptist Church in the Lilly Valley  
19 Community, where he served on the deacon board, worked in the  
20 Sunday School, and was instrumental in the implementation of a  
21 number of ministries; additionally, he was a member of the  
22 American Legion, National Chapter; and

23 WHEREAS, his academic credentials included a B.A.  
24 Degree in Business Administration from Alabama A&M University,  
25 where he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; he  
26 served in the United States Army and received an honorable

1 discharge; notably, he was the first non-contracted black  
2 person to be hired at Allied Paper Company, presently Boise;  
3 he retired after 31 years of employment as a storeroom clerk;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
6 wife of 44 and a half years, Johnnie Pearl Clarke Mitchell; a  
7 son, Marcus (Michelle) Mitchell; five grandchildren; two  
8 great-grandchildren; one brother, Eugene (Audrey) Mitchell;  
9 two sisters, Minnie Lou (Reverend Albert) Ridgeway and Bessie  
10 Ann (David) McBride; devoted aunt, Wiley Boykin; devoted  
11 brothers-in-law, Isadore (Margaret) Clarke and Larry (Fanita)  
12 Clarke; and devoted sister-in-law, Joli (Major) King; he was  
13 preceded in death by his parents, Fendley Mitchell and Annie  
14 Boykin Mitchell; a son, Dereck Jarmaine Mitchell; three  
15 brothers; and two sisters; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was a valued member of the  
17 community; although he will be greatly missed, his memory will  
18 be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
19 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
22 Mr. James Fendley Mitchell, we are grateful for his abundant  
23 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his  
24 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and  
25 friends.