

1 HR237  
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3 By Representative Merrill  
4 RFD:  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. L. SCOTT ATKINS.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn  
11 the death of Mr. L. Scott Atkins of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on  
12 March 19, 2013, at the age of 78 years; and

13 WHEREAS, born on November 19, 1934, in Millport,  
14 Alabama, he was the son of Mae and Roy Atkins and was educated  
15 in the Birmingham Public School System; upon graduation from  
16 Ensley High School, he joined the United States Marine Corps  
17 and played football for the Memphis Navy; and

18 WHEREAS, following his military service, he attended  
19 Auburn University on a football scholarship until an injury  
20 ended his football career; he transferred to The University of  
21 Alabama and received a Bachelor of Science Degree and an LLB  
22 Degree from the UA School of Law; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins practiced law in Tuscaloosa  
24 until being appointed Assistant United States Attorney with  
25 the Department of Justice for the Northern District of  
26 Alabama; in addition, he served as Assistant Attorney General  
27 for the State of Alabama, Executive Assistant to the Alabama

1 Highway Director, and Deputy Commissioner of the Alabama  
2 Department of Mental Health and Retardation; and

3                   WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins also served as Municipal Judge  
4 in Centreville and as the Bibb County Assistant Prosecutor; he  
5 was President of the Exchange Club and a member of Delta Chi  
6 Fraternity; he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting,  
7 fishing, riding motorcycles and horses, and spending time with  
8 family and friends; and

9                   WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 53 years,  
10 Nancy Bennett Atkins; daughters, Anne Atkins and Laura Atkins  
11 (Michael) Manning; sons, Dr. L. Scott "Tosh" (Missy) Atkins  
12 and Stewart Patton (Amy) Atkins; grandchildren, Hunter Atkins,  
13 Austin Atkins, Abbie Atkins, Raegan Atkins, Bennett Atkins,  
14 Matthew Atkins, Cole Manning, Courtney Manning, Grant Atkins,  
15 Katherine Atkins, Kayleigh Atkins, and Lindy Atkins; brother,  
16 James Stewart (Martha) Atkins; and a multitude of family and  
17 close friends; and

18                   WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins was a valued member of the  
19 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
20 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were  
21 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

22                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. L. Scott  
24 Atkins is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
25 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to  
26 his family, whose grief is shared by many.