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3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD:  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. EDWIN SILSBY HILL.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Edwin Silsby Hill  
11 on March 23, 2013, with deep sadness; his immeasurable life is  
12 celebrated and commended with great thanksgiving; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born July 27, 1933, in Darien, Georgia, he  
17 was the son of William James and Edna Simington Hill, and he  
18 graduated from St. Clair County Training School in Pell City,  
19 Alabama, and received both his B.S. and M.S. Degrees and the  
20 A.A. Certificate from Alabama A&M University, where he majored  
21 in Administration and Supervision; he served with distinction  
22 in the United States Army as a paratrooper and band member  
23 with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill spent his entire life providing  
26 leadership devoted to institutional change, promoting  
27 opportunities for the economically disadvantaged, fighting

1 poverty, fostering human development, and participating in the  
2 movement for a just society; as an educator, he aligned  
3 himself with a number of groups committed to education  
4 excellence and worked toward its attainment; he served as a  
5 teacher at Council High School in Huntsville, as a principal  
6 of both Toney Junior High School in Toney, Alabama, and  
7 Tennessee Valley High in Hillsboro, Alabama, and as an adjunct  
8 Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Alabama  
9 in Huntsville; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill contributed expert guidance as a  
11 public servant for over 33 years and cultivated an illustrious  
12 career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Action  
13 Agency Partnership, Inc., (CAAP) Huntsville, Madison, and  
14 Limestone Counties, Inc.; his invaluable service extended to  
15 the state level as a member of the Alabama A&M University  
16 Board of Trustees and on the national level with the Selective  
17 Service System; additionally, he served as President of  
18 organizations including the North Huntsville Kiwanis Club,  
19 Huntsville City Teacher's Association, Lawrence County  
20 Teacher's Association, Lawrence County Principals'  
21 Association, District I Alabama State Teacher's Association  
22 and the Alabama Community Action Agencies Association; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill received numerous awards for his  
24 magnanimous efforts; he was a charter member and ordained  
25 Deacon/Elder in the Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA, a  
26 charter member of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha  
27 Psi Fraternity, Inc., and a life member of the NAACP; and

1                   WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
2 wife, Zena L. Hill; daughter, Eddgra Fallin (Carl); niece,  
3 Erica Burnette; sons, Edwin S. Hill, Jr. (Justine), Dwight  
4 Hill (Mary), Veral Hill (Judith), and Franz Hill (Ellen);  
5 step-sons, Frank Love (Cynthia) and Eric (Gaivanna) Love;  
6 sister, Harriet (Charles Fluker) Knox; 13 grandchildren; 13  
7 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; sisters-in-law,  
8 Gladys Jacobs, Alice Faye Brown (Willie Frank), and a host of  
9 relatives and friends; he was preceded in death by his  
10 parents; and brothers, William James Hill, Jr., and Samuel  
11 Elisha Hill; and

12                   WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was a valued member of the  
13 community; although he will be greatly missed, his memory will  
14 be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
15 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

16                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while mourning the death of  
18 Mr. Edwin Silsby Hill, we are grateful for his abundant life,  
19 and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his  
20 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
21 friends and family.