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3 By Representative Wren
4 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL WILLIAM RAYMOND BEAN.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Colonel William Raymond "Ray" Bean
12 of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 70
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family and his many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1943, in Alexander
17 City, Alabama, he graduated high school in Wetumpka and
18 attended Auburn University, earning a Degree in Agricultural
19 Economics and being actively involved in many university
20 programs such as the Student Government Association, Theta Chi
21 Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa; and

22 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the
23 United States Air Force as a navigator, stationed in many
24 locations including Vietnam, where he became a Prisoner of War
25 on May 23, 1972; upon his release after ten months, he
26 attended Pilot Training School in Texas; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was the recipient of a number
2 of well-deserved medals and decorations, including the
3 Distinguished Flying Cross Citation for professional
4 competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty; and

5 WHEREAS, after an exemplary 30-year career that took
6 him all over the globe, his final assignment with the Air
7 Force brought him and his family to Maxwell Air Force Base; he
8 later retired and joined the Civil Air Patrol, serving as
9 Director of Cadet Programs for nine years; and

10 WHEREAS, in retirement, he enjoyed golf, Auburn
11 University football, traveling, fishing, weekly Bible study,
12 and volunteering at the Alabama Department of Archives and
13 History in Montgomery; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 37
15 years, Mindy Rodgers Bean; daughter and son-in-law, Peyton and
16 Tyler Turner; granddaughter, Olivia; brothers, Paul, Al, and
17 David; and sister, Cindy; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean 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 Colonel William
24 Raymond Bean is recorded with deep sadness, and this
25 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with
26 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
27 many.

