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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, Williams (P),  
4 McCutcheon, Johnson (W) and Hall  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 20-MAR-14

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JOSEPH C. MOQUIN.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Joseph C. Moquin of  
11 Madison, Alabama, on March 16, 2014, with deep sadness; his  
12 immeasurable life of 89 years is commended and celebrated with  
13 great thanksgiving; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Moquin is a native of Middleboro,  
18 Massachusetts, and he served with much honor and distinction  
19 in World War II as a captain in the Army Corps of Engineers;  
20 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial  
21 Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri,  
22 and embarked upon his distinguished career as Director of the  
23 Army Ordnance Management Engineering Program at Rock Island  
24 in 1952; and

25 WHEREAS, notably, he served as chief management  
26 engineer for the then Army Ballistic Missile Agency,  
27 contributing his expert guidance and leadership to the pivotal

1 launch of our country's first satellite, Explorer; in  
2 addition, he served Teledyne Brown as Executive President,  
3 President, and as Chairman of the Board; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Moquin served as Executive Vice  
5 President of Brown Engineering, which flourished under his  
6 leadership and later merged with Teledyne, Inc., to become  
7 Teledyne Brown Engineering; he was very influential in the  
8 establishment of Cummings Research Park; many paid tribute to  
9 him when he retired as Chairman of TBE; on the occasion, 700  
10 people gathered at the Von Braun Civic Center to pay their  
11 respect, he received a telegram from President Bush, and flags  
12 that were flown aboard the space Shuttle; a street in Cummings  
13 Research Park was named after him; and

14 WHEREAS, upon retirement from TBE, he served as  
15 interim President of The University of Alabama in Huntsville  
16 and interim director of the Space and Rocket Center; he served  
17 for a number of years on the boards of Alabama AandM  
18 University, Alabama Heritage Trust Fund, UAH Foundation, UAB  
19 Board of Directors, NASA's Advisory Council, Huntsville  
20 Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Harris Home for  
21 Children; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Moquin has received accolades including  
23 Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Huntsville's  
24 Distinguished Service Award, the Medaris Award from the local  
25 chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association,  
26 induction into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame and the

Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame, and an honorary Doctor of Science from UAH in 1983; and

WHEREAS, through the years, he has earned immense respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional abilities, and his numerous contributions reflect immense credit upon the entire State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted wife of 35 years, Anita J. Moquin; sons, Michael, Steve, Clay, Bill, Paul, and Tom; two daughters, Meg Hereford and Sarah Jo Chadwell; two step-children, John Higgins and Suzanne Carlisle; nine grandchildren; brother, Walter Moquin; and sister, Mary Scots; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moquin is a valued member of the community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of Joseph C. Moquin, we are highly grateful for his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his profound legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.