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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 LEONARD LOFTON MITCHUM, JR.
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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Leonard Lofton
13 Mitchum, Jr., of Huntsville, Alabama, whose passing on
14 February 7, 2016, left a void in the lives of his loving
15 family and friends; he will be remembered as an inspiration to
16 the countless numbers whose lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchum graduated with a degree in
18 mechanical engineering from Auburn University and was inducted
19 into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2003 due
20 to his outstanding career of diversified engineering
21 accomplishments; additionally, he was awarded both the Silver
22 and Gold Knight of Management awards from the National
23 Management Association; and

24 WHEREAS, a man of faith, Mr. Mitchum was a steadfast
25 supporter of Weatherly Heights Baptist Church, where he was a
26 member for 37 years; he was a registered engineer and made
27 sizeable endowments to support the Mitchum Presidential

1 Scholarship at Auburn University and the Huntsville Hospital
2 Foundation for cardiac care equipment and services; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchum loved satellites and was a
4 founding manager of the mechanical design team of Space Craft,
5 Inc., (SCI), Alabama's largest industrial employer; he retired
6 from SCI as Corporate Vice President and general manager of
7 the company's cluster of mechanical program facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
9 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lofton Mitchum, Sr., and a sister, Louise
10 Mitchum McCauley; left to cherish his memory Ila Smith,
11 Mitchum, his wife of 63 years; daughter, Susan Mitchum Cox;
12 grandchildren, Andrew Mitchum Cox and Anna Michelle Cox;
13 sister Lurlene Mitchum Mullins; sister-in-law, Joyce Phillips;
14 brother-in-law, Charles Smith, and a host of other relatives,
15 family, and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, his passion for life will be remembered
17 fondly; Mr. Mitchum was a valued member of the community and
18 was loved by many; his presence will be greatly missed and his
19 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
20 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Leonard Lofton
23 Mitchum, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we
24 mourn his death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution
25 is offered in highest tribute to his life, along with
26 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, whose grief is
27 shared by many.

