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3 By Representative Sanderford  
4 RFD:  
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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.

