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4 Alexander, Baker, Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boyd,
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6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy,
8 Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A),
10 Holmes (M), Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson
11 (K), Johnson (R), Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee,
12 Lindsey, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Millican, Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren,
14 Patterson, Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson,
15 Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd,
16 Shiver, South, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth,
17 Warren, Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams
18 (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood

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20 First Read: 01-MAR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REPRESENTATIVE
4 LESLEY VANCE.

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6 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we
7 uplift the inspiring life and legacy of our good friend and
8 colleague, Representative Lesley Vance, who served
9 continuously as a member of the Alabama House of
10 Representatives for 21 years until he passed away November 3,
11 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Vance was born October 23, 1939, in
13 Pike County, Alabama, to the union of the late Jessie James
14 Vance and Minnie Bedsole Vance; he embarked upon his career in
15 the funeral service industry in 1957 at the age of 18 with
16 Britton and Dobbs Funeral Home; in 1975, he acquired the
17 funeral home and changed its name to Vance Memorial Chapel; in
18 1985, he opened Vance Brooks Funeral Home in Columbus,
19 Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, while working in the funeral service
21 industry for 58 years, Mr. Vance compassionately served many
22 families in their time of need and sorrow; he was known for
23 treating everyone he encountered equally with utmost dignity
24 and respect; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Vance entered his first political race
2 at 22 years of age, and it was the only political race he ever
3 lost; in the following years, Mr. Vance earned widespread
4 respect and admiration for his remarkable public service; he
5 served as Coroner of Russell County for 27 years, requiring
6 him to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week; he then
7 served as a member of the Russell County Commission for two
8 years; he then began his distinguished tenure as a member of
9 the Alabama House of Representatives, where he served on the
10 Transportation Committee, Health Committee, and the Banking
11 and Insurance Committee, of which he was chair; he was a
12 forceful advocate for his constituents and was proud to see
13 the completion of the Highway 431 South four lane project, the
14 completion of the 5th Avenue Extension, and the construction
15 of the Riverchase exits off of Highway 80, among other
16 projects; and

17 WHEREAS, civically involved, Mr. Vance served as a
18 member of the Phenix City Jaycees, the Golden Quarter Club,
19 the American Red Cross board, and the Phenix City Girls Club;
20 he was a faithful and devoted member of Epworth United
21 Methodist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
23 wife, Patricia Whitlow "Pat" Vance, who was his best friend
24 and supporter; daughters, Leslie Ann Vance Gagnon (Joe) and
25 Carmen Brooks (Lance); one son, Christopher K. Clary; three

1 sisters, Sarah Abercrombie, Ruth Corbitt, and Louise Morris;
2 brothers, Landon Vance (Betty) and twin brother, Wesley Vance;
3 five grandchildren, Logan Vance, Jacob Brewer, Jared Brewer,
4 James Brooks, and Lauran Gagnon; and

5 WHEREAS, although his presence is greatly missed,
6 his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those
7 who were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
10 Representative Lesley Vance, we are extremely grateful for his
11 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
12 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 01-MAR-16.

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16 Senate

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