

1 HR207
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD:
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. WALTER
9 BANKHEAD GRANT.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened and regret to learn
12 of the death of Mr. Walter Bankhead Grant of Tuscaloosa,
13 Alabama, on February 25, 2016, at 63 years of age, and uplift
14 his inspiring life and legacy with utmost respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Grant was a graduate of Marion Military
19 Institute and The University of Alabama, where he earned a
20 Communications degree; he was a founding member and officer
21 for numerous radio stations including GMC Broadcasting Inc.,
22 SIS Sound Inc., SIS Sound Fayette, Inc., SIS Sound of
23 Russellville, Inc., Chattanooga Sound Inc., and Grant Radio
24 Group, LLC; in addition, he was a principal founder of Sign
25 Pro, LLC, in Tuscaloosa; and

26 WHEREAS, civically involved, he served as a longtime
27 board member of the YMCA and the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame, a

1 board member of Tuscaloosa Academy, a longtime member of the Y
2 Men's Club, a member of the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club, and a Paul
3 Harris Fellow; he ardently supported the children's school his
4 father built in the Dominican Republic; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Grant was a pilot, scuba diver, nature
6 lover, world traveler, hunter, fisherman, and philanthropist;
7 he traveled to Latin America many times to altruistically
8 help those affected by natural disasters and lack of health
9 care; he financed the education of a young Haitian man who
10 will graduate from The University of Alabama this year; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
12 wife of 37 years, Beth Brakefield Grant; two daughters, Marion
13 Catherine Grant and Erin Elizabeth Grant; and one brother,
14 William Alexander Grant; he was preceded in death by one son,
15 Adam Hooper Bankhead Grant; sister, Blossom Bankhead Grant;
16 and his parents, William A. and Marion B. Grant, Jr.; and

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
23 Mr. Walter Bankhead Grant, we are extremely grateful for his
24 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
25 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
26 his family and friends.