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3 By Representatives Sessions, Gaston, Wilcox, Williams (JW),
4 Bracy, Buskey, Clarke, Drummond, Davis and Pringle
5 RFD:
6 First Read: 26-AUG-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
4 OLIVER WASHINGTON, III.
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6 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
7 to learn of the death of Mr. Oliver Washington, III, on June
8 25, 2016, at 63 years of age; with utmost reverence and
9 respect, we uplift his inspiring life and legacy; and

10 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Washington leaves a void
11 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the
12 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was a proud lifelong
14 resident of Mobile, Alabama; he earned a Bachelor's Degree
15 from Alabama A and M University in 1974 and a Master's Degree
16 in Ornamental Horticulture from The University of Florida the
17 following year, before returning home to Mobile County to
18 pursue his love of production agriculture; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington entered a position with the
20 Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station's Ornamental
21 Horticulture Substation in Mobile and, a short time later,
22 began work on his first greenhouse; his son, Oliver
23 Washington, IV, who serves on the Board of Directors of Mobile
24 Botanical Gardens and as a member of Alabama A and M
25 University's Board of Trustees, followed in his footsteps and

1 attributes much of the plant farm's success to its loyal
2 customer base and recent growth in the housing market; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was affectionately known as
4 "Big Oliver" and "Ollie"; he was a faithful and devoted member
5 of St. Rosa Lima Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
7 wife of 43 years, Marie D. Washington; children, Oliver (Leah)
8 Washington, IV, Kala (Darrell) McCollum and Marissa (Marlon)
9 Moore; siblings, Vivian (John) Bacot, Feron Washington, and
10 Sister Rita Washington; grandchildren, Madison and Aidan
11 McCollum, Nadia and Malia Moore, and Noelle Washington; and a
12 host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, and many loving and
13 devoted friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was a valued member of the
15 community who touched countless lives of Mobilians through his
16 significant contributions; although his presence is greatly
17 missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all
18 those who were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
21 Mr. Oliver Washington, III, we offer this resolution in
22 highest tribute to his profound legacy, as well as in
23 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 26-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted