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3 By Representative Jackson
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 23-FEB-17

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND FRANK BIENVILLE DEAN.
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5 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
6 to learn of the death of Reverend Frank Bienville Dean of
7 Jackson, Alabama, February 13, 2017, at 83 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, the passing of Reverend Frank Bienville
9 Dean leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many
10 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
11 regarded; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean was the youngest child born
13 to Rudolph Dean, Sr., and Allar Jones Dean on February 13,
14 1934; he graduated from Harper High School in Jackson; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean graduated from Alabama State
16 University in 1958, where he was an active participant in the
17 marching band; and

18 WHEREAS, while at Alabama State University, Reverend
19 Dean became active in the Civil Rights Movement and served as
20 bodyguard for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Reverend
22 Dean was a teacher at Wilson Hall High School, where he
23 started the school's marching band; he later taught biology,
24 started a band, and served as financial aid officer at Selma
25 University; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Dean served as pastor of his home
2 church, Vernal Chapel Baptist Church, as well as Mt. Nebo
3 Baptist Church, and Pine Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church in
4 Toddtown before returning to Vernal Chapel Baptist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, upon retirement from Selma University, he
6 served as moderator of the Union Missionary Baptist District
7 Association and was active in the Bethel Missionary Baptist
8 District Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank Bienville Dean was preceded
10 in death by his parents; four brothers, Rudolph Dean, Jr.,
11 Spurgeon Dean, Jerome Dean, and Hildred Dean; five sisters,
12 Allar B. Scott, Magaline Stewart, Ardellar Gross, Florence
13 Dean, and Alice Etheredge; and cousin, Edmond Dean; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include a son, Bienville Keith
15 Dean; sister-in-law, Deloris "Doshia" Dean; and cousin, Melva
16 Dean; and

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

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
23 Reverend Frank Bienville Dean, we are extremely grateful for
24 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest

1 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
2 sympathy to his family and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-MAR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

15-MAR-17

Adopted