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

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20 First Read: 18-APR-17

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 FORMER ALABAMA HOUSE SPEAKER JOSEPH CHARLES MCCORQUODALE, JR.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death on April 17, 2017, of our colleague and former Alabama
13 House Speaker Joseph Charles McCorquodale, Jr., and we uplift
14 his inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and
15 respect; and

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

19 WHEREAS, born December 2, 1920, in Mobile, Alabama,
20 he was a distinguished graduate of Marion Military Institute
21 and The University of Alabama; during World War II, he served
22 with much honor as a member of the United States Army Air
23 Corps in the China-Burma-India and Pacific Theaters; and

24 WHEREAS, elected in 1959, Mr. McCorquodale served as
25 Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives from 1975
26 until 1983; a true public servant who exceeded expectations in
27 fulfilling the needs of his constituents, he served as a

1 member of the Interim Committee on Finance and Taxation, the
2 Fiscal Advisory Committee to the Governor, and the Legislative
3 Council; he was vice chair of the Legislative Committee on
4 Public Accounts, co-chair of the Alabama Constitutional
5 Commission, a member of the Coosa Valley, Tombigbee Valley,
6 and Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authorities, the
7 Alabama Historical Commission, and the Study Commission on
8 Alabama's Judicial System; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McCorquodale was honored by the Capitol
10 Press Corps as the Hardest Working Member of the House in 1967
11 and Outstanding Member of the House in 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, he owned McCorquodale Insurance Agency and
13 served as President of Overstreet and McCorquodale Forest
14 Products, Inc., and Chair of the Board of Washington County
15 State Bank; he was church school superintendent and chair of
16 the Official Board of the First United Methodist Church in
17 Jackson, Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McCorquodale served as a mentor to
19 other legislators and positively impacted the lives of many,
20 including his good friend, Representative Elaine Beech; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. McCorquodale was a valued member of the
22 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
23 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
24 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
27 former Alabama House Speaker Joseph Charles McCorquodale, Jr.,

1 and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy with utmost
2 reverence and respect.