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3 By Representative Sanderford  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS J. LEE.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 24, 2019, of Mr. Thomas J. "Jack" Lee of New  
12 Market, Alabama, at the age of 83 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
15 where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was born on April 1, 1935, in  
17 Wedowee, Alabama, to John Tom Lee and Virginia Hodnett Walker;  
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19 WHEREAS, in 1958, he graduated from The University  
20 of Alabama, receiving his Bachelor Degree in Aeronautical  
21 Engineering; later, The University of Alabama-Huntsville,  
22 awarded him with an Honorary Doctorate; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee held numerous positions throughout  
24 his lifetime; in 1958, he was an Aeronautical Research  
25 Engineer with the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency; in 1960,  
26 he transferred to the Marshall Center, where he served as a  
27 Systems Engineer with the Center's Centaur Resident Manager

Office in San Diego, California; from 1963 to 1965, he served as Resident Project Manager for the Pegasus Meteroid Detection Satellite Project in Bladensburg, Maryland; from 1965 to 1969, he served as Chief of the Center's Saturn Program Resident Office at the Kennedy Space Center; from 1969 to 1973, he served as an assistant to the Technical Deputy Director of Marshall; in 1974, he became Program Manager of the Spacelab Program Office, where he was responsible for NASA's work with the European Space Agency in the development of Spacelab, a multipurpose reusable laboratory for Earth orbital science activities; in 1980, he served as the Deputy Director of Marshall; from July 1989 to January 1994, he served as Director of the NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, he retired, and co-founded LWI, an engineering consulting firm; later, he founded Lee and Associates, LLC, a systems engineering consulting firm, where he served as President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's record of community service is extensive; he served as Chair for the Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission; as a board member for the Habitat for Humanity; as President for the Sci-Quest Hands-On Science Center; as past President for the National Space Club; as a board member for the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame; as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club STRIVE Program; and as a mentor for high school students; and

1                   WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jean Lee; son,  
2 Ronald Kevin Lee (Denise); stepson, Patrick Jason Manning  
3 (Kim); grandchildren, Sean Lee, Caitlin Lee Amsberry (Alex),  
4 Megan Lee, Emily Manning, Samantha Camus, Ashley Camus, and  
5 Matthew Laudano; and two great-grandchildren; and

6                   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
7 missed, the memory of Mr. Lee will be cherished in the hearts  
8 of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

9                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Thomas J.  
11 "Jack" Lee is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
12 is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy  
13 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.