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2 197414-4  
3 By Representative Hall  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THEOPLUS JEFFERSON TAYLOR.

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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
6 death on February 13, 2019, of Mr. Theoplus Jefferson Taylor  
7 of Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 97 years; and

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

11 WHEREAS, born on August 22, 1921, Mr. Taylor was the  
12 second of six children born to Thomas Jefferson Taylor and  
13 Louisa Acklin Taylor; and

14 WHEREAS, after his graduation from Council High  
15 School, Mr. Taylor entered the military at the start of World  
16 War II and trained in Peoria, Illinois, and he joined  
17 Caterpillar as a Heavy Equipment Operator/Maintainer; he  
18 served in the Army Air Corps as a Sergeant in charge of heavy  
19 equipment operations and mechanics; he was deployed overseas  
20 and fought in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines; he  
21 received the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one bronze  
22 star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory  
23 Medal; he was honorably discharged on January 1, 1946; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor received a certificate in  
25 Electricity and Machine Shop Operations from Alabama A and M

1 University, where he and his brother built the first air  
2 conditioning system on the campus and installed it in the  
3 office of the President; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor retired after 30 years of  
5 service at Redstone Arsenal as the Director of Utilities; and

6 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved  
7 wife of 46 years, Mrs. Winland Jordan Taylor; sister, Lue  
8 Velma Taylor Wynn; brothers, George Taylor, Charles Taylor,  
9 and Marvin Taylor; and stepmother, Ludie Mae Ewing Taylor; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include his son, Bruce Clayton  
11 Taylor, Sr., (Helen); sister, Gladys Taylor Jacobs;  
12 sister-in-law, Rosie Lipscomb Taylor; grandsons, Bruce Clayton  
13 Taylor, Jr., (Nichole) and Jeffrey Majors Taylor (Magdalene);  
14 great-grandchildren, Emma Noelle Taylor, Lena Christine  
15 Taylor, and William Lucas Taylor; a close cousin, Musie Hinds;  
16 a special friend, Mary Wesson; and a host of other relatives  
17 and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
19 missed, the memory of Mr. Taylor will be cherished in the  
20 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Theoplus  
23 Jefferson Taylor is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
24 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with

1           heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
2           many.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

7 House of Representatives

8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was passed by the House 21-MAR-19 and was passed again as  
10 amended by Executive Amendment 07-MAY-19.

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13 Jeff Woodard  
14 Clerk  
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17	Senate	<u>03-APR-19</u>	Passed
18	Senate	07-MAY-19	Passed, as amended by Executive Amendment
19			Yea 30, Nays 0, Ab- stains 0

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