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3 By Representative Clarke
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 30-APR-19

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. NELSON BURNETT.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mr. Nelson "Bear" Burnett on December 22, 2018, at the age of 91 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett attended Pikeville College in Pikeville, Kentucky, and graduated from Cumberland Law School at the University of Tennessee; he maintained Bar membership in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama; he served his country in the United States Army and the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett worked for Home Insurance Company in Montgomery, Alabama, before entering into private practice; and

WHEREAS, he worked with the United States District Court of the Middle District of Alabama and the Chief Judge Frank M. Johnson on some of the most historic Civil Rights cases of that court; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett served as House Counsel to
2 Governor Jim Folsom, and was Chief of the Receivership
3 Division of the Alabama Department of Insurance from 1986 to
4 1993 and from 1995 to 1996; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a life-long Toastmaster, a Gideon,
6 president of his children's elementary school PTA, a Deacon
7 and Sunday School teacher, a member and officer of the Alabama
8 AARP; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnett was preceded in death by his
10 wife of more than 60 years, Mrs. Tommye Keck Burnett;
11 daughter, Jayne Alison "Pinky" Burnett Greene; parents, Claude
12 and Elizabeth Clarke Burnett; and brother, Dale Burnett; and

13 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Susan Kelly
14 Burnett Nolte, Jeffrey Clarke Burnett, and Joseph Kevin
15 Burnett (Mary Frances Rudy); and a host of other relatives and
16 friends; and

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

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Nelson
22 Burnett is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
23 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
24 his family, whose grief is shared by many.