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3       By Representative Sanderford  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 02-FEB-21

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. HERSCHEL ALBERT MATHENY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mr. Herschel Albert Matheny of Huntsville, Alabama, on January 23, 2021, at the age of 90 years; 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. Matheny was born on July 28, 1930, in Guntersville, Alabama, to Ernest Bradford Matheny and Martha Ellen Alexander Matheny; he bravely served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he attended college on the GI Bill and graduated from The University of Alabama in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he was cofounder, President, and Chair of the Board of Dynetics, Incorporated, which is an aerospace research and development firm headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama; he was inducted into The University of Alabama's Distinguished Engineering Fellows in 1988 and the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame; and

1           WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband, father, and  
2 grandfather; despite his success in business, he never missed  
3 any family events, sports, or other activities; he always put  
4 the best interest of others ahead of his own; he was very  
5 generous and a man of great integrity; he was also a man of  
6 few words but when he spoke, it was with great wisdom and  
7 sometimes surprising humor; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Matheny was predeceased by his parents;  
9 brothers, Orville Matheny and Alexander Matheny; and sister,  
10 Hazel Matheny Snavely; his survivors include his beloved wife  
11 of 50 years, Lynne Wietfeld Matheny; children, Ernest  
12 Alexander Matheny (Taffy) and Herschel Paul Matheny (Rachel);  
13 grandchildren, Nicholas, Blake, Bennett, Olivia, James, Clara,  
14 and Addie; sister, Oleta Matheny Godwin; and a host of other  
15 relatives and many friends; although his presence will be  
16 greatly missed, the memories of him will be cherished in the  
17 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

18           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Herschel  
20 Albert Matheny is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
21 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
22 heartfelt sympathy to his family.