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2 209833-2  
3 By Representatives McCampbell, McCutcheon, Daniels, Alexander,  
4 Allen, Baker, Ball, Bedsole, Blackshear, Boyd, Bracy, Brown  
5 (C), Brown (K), Carns, Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman,  
6 Collins, Crawford, Dismukes, Drake, Drummond, Easterbrook,  
7 Ellis, England, Estes, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher,  
8 Forte, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Gray, Greer, Grimsley, Hall,  
9 Hanes, Harbison, Hatcher, Hill, Hollis, Holmes, Howard, Hurst,  
10 Ingram, Isbell, Jackson, Jones (M), Jones (S), Kiel, Kitchens,  
11 Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lipscomb, Lovvorn, Marques,  
12 McClammy, McMillan, Meadows, Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P),  
13 Morris, Nordgren, Oliver, Pettus, Poole, Pringle, Rafferty,  
14 Reynolds, Rich, Robbins, Robertson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,  
15 Scott, Sells, Shaver, Shedd, Shiver, Simpson, Smith, Sorrell,  
16 Sorrells, South, Stadthagen, Standridge, Stringer, Sullivan,  
17 Treadaway, Wadsworth, Warren, Wheeler, Whitt, Whorton, Wilcox,  
18 Wingo, Wood (D) and Wood (R)  
19 RFD: Rules  
20 First Read: 09-FEB-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE PASSING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
4 FORMER ALABAMA HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE ALVIN HOLMES.

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6 WHEREAS, on the 21st day of November 2020, former  
7 Alabama House Representative Alvin Holmes departed this Earth,  
8 leaving behind a legacy of dignity and conviction that still  
9 inspires the people of Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, Alvin Holmes began and ended his life in  
11 the capital city of Montgomery, Alabama; a graduate of Alabama  
12 State University, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi  
13 Fraternity, he enjoyed successful careers as a college  
14 professor and a real estate broker before joining the state  
15 Democratic Executive Committee and winning election to the  
16 Alabama House of Representatives in 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, one of the first African-American members  
18 of the Alabama Legislature since the end of Reconstruction,  
19 Alvin Holmes dedicated his political career to expanding and  
20 securing the rights of all Alabamians, becoming known as the  
21 "drum major for civil rights" around the State House; and

22 WHEREAS, the ever-outspoken Representative Alvin  
23 Holmes lent his professorial nature to the Legislature,  
24 bringing a historical perspective and providing vital context  
25 to many debates; he was never afraid to offer his thoughts on

1 legislation that crossed his path, nor to give remarks to any  
2 legislator who did the same; it was only fitting that this  
3 professor-turned-politician became Dean of the Alabama House  
4 of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Alvin Holmes was a champion  
6 for the disenfranchised and the forgotten, arguing for the  
7 removal of Jim Crow-era language from the State Constitution,  
8 the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the Alabama  
9 Capitol dome, the inclusion of sexual orientation in the state  
10 hate crime statutes, and the establishment of Martin Luther  
11 King, Jr. Day as a state holiday; and

12 WHEREAS, with his quick wit, panache for  
13 constructive humor, and fearlessness to discuss controversial  
14 issues, Alvin Holmes was a light in the House Chamber during  
15 his 11 terms of office; although his eternal peace has been  
16 well-earned by his good and faithful service, his presence  
17 will forever be sorely missed; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Black Caucus of the  
20 Alabama Legislature mourns the passing of the late  
21 Representative Alvin Holmes, and celebrates his life and his  
22 many accomplishments on behalf of the State of Alabama and all  
23 its peoples.

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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 adopted by the House 23-FEB-21.

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16 Senate

24-FEB-21

Adopted

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