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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-APR-21

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. LAMAR P. HIGGINS, TROY
4 UNIVERSITY'S VICE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD OF
5 TRUSTEES.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death on April 15, 2021, of Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Troy
9 University's Vice President Pro Tempore of the Board of
10 Trustees, at the age of 61; and

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

14 WHEREAS, a native of Marbury, Alabama, Mr. Higgins
15 was Troy University's first black Student Government
16 Association President and first black Trustee, serving on the
17 university's Board of Trustees for the past 25 years; in March
18 2021, he was honored at Troy University's second annual Unity
19 Prayer Breakfast, where Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. announced
20 that the newly renovated ballrooms at the Trojan Student
21 Center would bear Higgins's name; he was also a partner at
22 Fine Geddie and Associates, a prominent Montgomery-based
23 lobbying firm, where he served for 26 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins first served on the Troy
25 University Board of Trustees in the late 1970s as a student

1 representative during his junior and senior years; he became
2 the first black member of the university's Board of Trustees
3 in 1996; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins' caring heart and his steadfast
5 commitment to serving others inspired many during his
6 lifetime; some of his incredible achievements include serving
7 as a key figure in establishing the Rosa Parks Museum and the
8 John Robert Lewis Leadership Conference and in initiating the
9 African American Leadership Conference; serving the U.S. Space
10 and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, as Assistant to the
11 Director and Assistant Director for Human Resources; serving
12 as the Equal Employment Officer for the City of Huntsville;
13 serving as Assistant Director of the Alabama Department of
14 Economic and Community Affairs, where he supervised the
15 department's 11 divisions and guided millions of dollars in
16 federal grant money to cities, counties, and corporations
17 across the state; serving as Special Assistant to the Mayor of
18 Huntsville; serving on Senator Howell Heflin's staff; and
19 serving as Deputy Director of the Alabama Department of
20 Economic and Community Affairs; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins once stated, "I've been really
22 fortunate to be able to come to Troy University, get a great
23 education, and be able to come back and try to give back to
24 the university and to the community for the things that I've

1 been fortunate enough to participate in and go through because
2 of Troy University"; and

3 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
4 missed, the memory of Mr. Higgins will be cherished in the
5 hearts of all who knew and loved him; the beautiful legacy
6 that he created will indeed continue; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Lamar P.
9 Higgins, Troy University's Vice President Pro Tempore of the
10 Board of Trustees, is recorded with deep sadness, and this
11 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
12 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
13 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 adopted by the House 29-APR-21.

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Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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