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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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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 29-APR-21.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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