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3 By Representative Paschal
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 11-JAN-22

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL (RETIRED) CLINTON
4 JAMES BLACK.
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6 WHEREAS, Colonel (Retired) Clinton James Black,
7 servant of God and citizen of Temple Hills, Maryland, departed
8 this life on Friday, December 17, 2021, at the age of 82, and
9 left a great void in the lives of family, friends, and fellow
10 residents of Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Black began his formative years in
12 Beatrice, Alabama, born on December 19, 1938, as the fifth of
13 seven children to Billie Black and V. Oweda Black; he was
14 inspired to further his education and follow in the footsteps
15 of his elder siblings at the historic Tuskegee Institute; and

16 WHEREAS, he matriculated at Tuskegee Institute, now
17 Tuskegee University, where he graduated with honors and was
18 awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronics in 1963
19 and subsequently earned a Direct Commission in the United
20 States Army; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Black served nearly three decades
22 of dedicated and distinguished service in numerous units and
23 commands, including two tours in Vietnam, and he was a
24 decorated officer with the Bronze Star and other medals and

1 ribbons, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff Badge and the
2 Parachutist Badge; and

3 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the inaugural class of
4 the Tuskegee University Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall
5 of Fame in 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Black's legacy continued through
7 his son, Colonel (Retired) United States Air Force, Michael B.
8 Black, a 1985 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy,
9 who received an appointment to the United States Air Force
10 Academy from Congressman Jack Edwards from Alabama's 1st
11 Congressional District; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Black's legacy further continues
13 through his grandson, Captain Clinton M. Black, United States
14 Space Force, a 2017 graduate of the United States Air Force
15 Academy; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Black was preceded in death by his
17 parents; brothers, Bradley F. Black and Billy C. Black, Ph.D.;
18 and sisters, Crystal Brown and Velma Pace; and

19 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Rhutelia
20 McCants Black; son, Colonel (Retired) Michael B. Black
21 (Wilda); daughters, Michelle Black and Marcia Black;
22 grandchildren, Jordan Black, Captain Clinton M. Black, and
23 Hannah Black; siblings, Dan T. Black, Ph.D. (Maude) and Dovie
24 Holliman (Charles); many nieces, nephews, and cousins;
25 in-laws, Cecil Pace and Helen Jennings Black; and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Black's leadership, mentorship, and
2 commitment to the professional development of those that
3 followed him allows them the potential to achieve even more
4 success than he achieved; and

5 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
6 missed, the memory of Colonel Black will be cherished in the
7 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Colonel (Retired)
10 Clinton James Black 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

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 03-FEB-22.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

08-FEB-22

Adopted