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By Representative McCampbell

RFD: RULES

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HJR___ CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES ALVIN LITTLETON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of United States Army Veteran James Alvin "Jim" Littleton, on January 25, 2024, at the age of 84; his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the community where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Jim Littleton was born on October 28, 1939, to Weltha Littleton Long in Fort Gaines, Georgia; at the age of 16, he matriculated at Tuskegee Institute and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commercial Industries in 1960; and

WHEREAS, following college graduation, Jim Littleton joined the United States Army and served active duty in Korea near the demilitarized zone as a radio operator; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Tuskegee, he married the love of his life and college sweetheart, Hazel Pope, on March 16, 1963; he continued his military service in the U.S. Army Reserves, became active with the Masonic Lodge, and became an instructor for students enrolled in Tuskegee Institute's Industrial and Commercial Technology curriculum; in 1968, he earned his Master's Degree in Guidance and Personnel Services from Tuskegee Institute; and

WHEREAS, a strong work ethic coupled with a drive to ensure fair and equitable job opportunities for others propelled Jim Littleton into key management positions with nationally recognized companies such as International Harvester and General Electric; his continued advocacy for improved workforce training and livable wages in Alabama's manufacturing sector was recognized when he was appointed in 1979 as Executive Assistant to Governor Fob James to serve as liason to specific state agencies that engaged in labor relations, personnel, and economic development issues; Jim remained in this position until 1983; and

WHEREAS, Jim Littleton continued to work for the betterment of his community by serving in various roles, including Associate Parole Board Member, Legislative Coordinator at Alabama Arise, and Director of Community and Economic Development at ADECA until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Jim Littleton remained an active and devoted church member at Saint John's African Methodist Church by serving as Steward Emeritus, singing in the Male and Senior Choirs, and taking part in many community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Jim Littleton remained a member in good standing in the Lewis Adams Masonic Lodge #67 in Tuskegee where he was a 33rd degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction; Noble of the Mystic Shrine; Past Master/Emeritus Officer Alabama Grand Council; and Master Mason; and

WHEREAS, left to treasure his beloved memory are his beloved wife, Hazel Pope Littleton; children, Michael Littleton (Della) and Darryl Littleton (Laneita); grandchildren, Brandon Littleton (Crystal), Sgt. Braxton Littleton, Hannah Littleton, and Jonathan Littleton; as well as many close cousins, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Jim Littleton will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; his dedication to improving the working conditions for all surely benefited all Alabamians; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of James Alvin Littleton is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life and service to others, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.