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6 Clouse, Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco,
7 Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston,
8 Givan, Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry,
9 Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard
10 (M), Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson
11 (W), Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, McAdory,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,
13 McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B),
14 Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren, Patterson, Payne,
15 Polizos, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O),
16 Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver,
17 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren,
18 Weaver, Wilcox, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P) and
19 Wood
20 RFD:
21 First Read: 11-MAR-14

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL WILLIAM RAYMOND BEAN.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
6 that we mourn the death of Colonel William Raymond "Ray" Bean
7 of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 70
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
10 his loving family and his many friends; and

11 WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1943, in Alexander
12 City, Alabama, he graduated high school in Wetumpka and earned
13 a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Administration from Auburn
14 University in 1966, Master's of Education in International
15 Relations from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1989,
16 and Master's of Public Administration from Auburn University
17 at Montgomery in 1995; he was actively involved in many
18 university programs such as the Student Government
19 Association, Theta Chi Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he completed Armed Forces Staff College in
22 1979, Air War College in 1983, and Industrial College of the
23 Armed Forces in 1988; and

24 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the
25 United States Air Force as a navigator, stationed in many

1 locations including Vietnam, where he was shot down during a
2 mission over North Vietnam and became a Prisoner of War on May
3 23, 1972; upon his release from his POW prison after ten
4 months, he attended Pilot Training School in Texas, flying the
5 powerful F-4 Phantom with 358 combat missions and more than
6 3,000 total flying hours; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was the recipient of a number
8 of well-deserved medals and decorations, including the Legion
9 of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Valor,
10 Purple Heart with One Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Defense
11 Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service Medal with Two OLC,
12 Air Medal with 14 OLC, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with
13 Valor with Four OLC, Air Force Organizational Excellence
14 Award, Prisoner of War Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National
15 Defense Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star (BSS),
16 Vietnam Service Medal with Three BSS, Air Force Overseas Short
17 Tour Ribbon with One OLC, Air Force Longevity Service Award
18 with Six OLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force
19 Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with
20 Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, after an exemplary 30-year career that took
22 him all over the globe, his final assignment with the Air
23 Force brought him and his family to Maxwell Air Force Base,
24 Alabama, where he served as the Director of Doctrinal
25 Development and Seminar Director, Department of Strategy,

1 Doctrine and Air Power, at the Air War College; he later
2 retired and joined the Civil Air Patrol, serving as Director
3 of Cadet Programs for nine years; and

4 WHEREAS, in retirement, he enjoyed golf, Auburn
5 University football, traveling, fishing, weekly Bible study,
6 and volunteering at the Alabama Department of Archives and
7 History in Montgomery; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 37
9 years, Mindy Rodgers Bean; daughter and son-in-law, Peyton and
10 Tyler Turner; granddaughter, Olivia; brothers, Paul, Al, and
11 David; and sister, Cindy; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was a valued member of the
13 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
14 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
15 fortunate to know him; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Ray Bean's military service as a
17 decorated navigator and fighter pilot served his nation in the
18 highest tradition of our United States Military, and he will
19 be honored by internment in Arlington National Cemetery on
20 April 9, 2014; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Colonel William
23 Raymond Bean is recorded with deep sadness, and this
24 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with

1 heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and a grateful
2 nation.

