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3 By Representative Beech  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 15-MAR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WILLIAM DWIGHT  
4 HARRIGAN, II.  
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6 WHEREAS, with the highest respect and reverence, we  
7 recognize the outstanding life and legacy of William Dwight  
8 Harrigan, II, of Fulton, Alabama, who passed away February 28,  
9 2016, at the age of 78; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's passing leaves a great void  
11 in the lives of his family, friends, and indeed, the entire  
12 forest products industry where Mr. Harrigan was held in  
13 highest regard by hundreds of people who knew him and his  
14 family, many of whom were employed at his businesses in the  
15 area; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's leadership within the  
17 Alabama Forestry Association as its Treasurer and President  
18 provided invaluable guidance to the Association in its early  
19 years and led to its foundational principles of limited  
20 government, promotion of free markets, protection of private  
21 property rights, and adherence to the rule of law, as well, as  
22 being a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award and  
23 Alabama Forest Leader of the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan spent his childhood in Fulton,  
25 and then attended Georgetown Preparatory School in Maryland;

1 after a year at The University of Alabama, he transferred to  
2 the University of Southern Mississippi and graduated with a  
3 degree in Business in 1963; he was a member of Delta Kappa  
4 Epsilon Fraternity; in 1963, Mr. Harrigan was employed by  
5 Scotch Lumber Company of Fulton, a family business that dates  
6 back to the late 1800s; and

7 WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his  
8 grandfather and father, Dwight became Mill Manager and then  
9 President and CEO of Scotch; he played a key role in the  
10 growth and expansion of the company for many years, first  
11 adding Scotch Plywood, his personal company, Harrigan Lumber  
12 Company in Monroeville, Alabama, and later Scotch Land  
13 Management, LLC; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan's interest in education and  
15 desire to help his fellow man led him to serve in many  
16 capacities and lend financial support to various education  
17 institutions; these include The University of Alabama, Auburn  
18 University, University of Southern Mississippi, Springhill  
19 College, University of Mobile, Bellingrath Gardens, Forest  
20 History Society, Georgetown Prep School, Clarke Prep School,  
21 and Monroe Academy; he also gave humanitarian service and was  
22 a benefactor to Providence Hospital, UAB Children's Hospital,  
23 USA Children's and Women's Hospital, Grove Hill Memorial  
24 Hospital, Catholic Charities, Alabama Forestry Foundation,  
25 Thomasville Civic Center, United Way and others and was a

1 lifetime Parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish and a  
2 Christ the King Medal recipient from the Archdiocese of  
3 Mobile; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan loved the outdoors, was an  
5 avid hunter, fisherman, and conservationist and cherished the  
6 good times spent at his hunting lodge with friends and family;  
7 he will always be remembered for his wit, humility,  
8 generosity, and kindness to so many; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan is survived by his beloved  
10 wife of 50 years, Virginia Sojourner Harrigan; their three  
11 sons, William Dwight Harrigan, III (Susan) of Grove Hill,  
12 Alabama, Jeffrey Boyd Harrigan of Grove Hill, and John Patrick  
13 Harrigan (Michelle) of Monroeville, Alabama; five  
14 grandchildren, Andrew Boyd Harrigan, Caitlin Elizabeth  
15 Harrigan, William McClinton Harrigan, Virginia Ann Harrigan,  
16 and Elle Michael Harrigan; one sister, Kay Harrigan Woods;  
17 nieces, Dorine Woods Towle and Alexis Woods; and nephew,  
18 Montgomery Woods; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrigan was a highly valued member of  
20 the State of Alabama and his community, and although his  
21 presence is greatly missed, his memory is cherished and lives  
22 on in the hearts and minds of his family and all those who  
23 were fortunate enough to have know him; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That as we grieve the death of Mr.

1 W. Dwight Harrigan II, we are extremely grateful for his  
2 abundant life and outstanding contribution to the forest  
3 industry in the state, to the employment of hundreds of  
4 Alabamians at his various companies, and we offer this  
5 resolution in highest tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well  
6 as our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

