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3 By Representatives Garrett, Carns, Baker, Poole and Wingo
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. HUGH JONES.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death on January 27, 2021, of Mr. Hugh "Deacon" Jones, at the
7 age of 88; and

8 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
9 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
10 where he was highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was born on March 7, 1932, to
12 Benjamin and Lillie Jones; and

13 WHEREAS, reared in Huffman in Jefferson County,
14 Alabama, Mr. Jones became a well-known left-handed baseball
15 pitcher at Woodlawn High School and led his team to the 1949
16 State Championship; he received many offers in professional
17 baseball and decided to accept a scholarship from The
18 University of Alabama, where he played baseball, earned a
19 degree, and married his high school sweetheart, Nita Oldacre
20 Jones; and

21 WHEREAS, after he graduated college in 1955, Mr.
22 Jones served with the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper; later,
23 he returned to Birmingham, where he became a sales
24 representative with Vulcan Rivet and Bolt; the company helped
25 him to obtain a pilot's license, which allowed him to fly to

1 golf outings, vacation spots, and Alabama games; desiring to
2 be part-owner of a business, he joined Nasco, Inc., a
3 wholesale welding and safety supply company, as the Vice
4 President and General Manager in 1968; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was an avid traveler; was
6 President of the A Club, where he was instrumental in starting
7 the A Club Classic Golf Tournament in 2002; received the first
8 "Number One Bama Fan" Dick Coffee Award from Birmingham's Red
9 Elephant Club; and was a teacher of teenage boys' and young
10 married men's Sunday School for over 40 years, where he loved
11 sharing God's goodness and truth; and

12 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his brothers,
13 Mack Jones and Dennis Jones; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is survived by his wife;
15 children, Jeff Jones (Patti), Barry Jones (Lee), and Jodie
16 Carlson (Hans); nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren;
17 and sister, Benna Jean Dowdey (Charles); and

18 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
19 missed, the memory of Mr. Jones will be cherished in the
20 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Hugh "Deacon"
23 Jones is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
24 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
25 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

