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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
JAMES DUDLEY PEWITT.

WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. James Dudley Pewitt on March 14, 2017, at 86 years of age, and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. James Dudley Pewitt leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, the accomplished Franklin, Tennessee, native attended Vanderbilt University and earned two Master's Degrees and a Doctoral Degree from the University of Southern California; he was named outstanding student in the Graduate School of Business with academic honors in Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Omicron Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pewitt served with much honor and distinction as a member of the United States Air Force; during his distinguished career, he served as a member of the 97th Fighter Squadron, as a test pilot, as Aide de Camp to two commanding generals, and ultimately as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force (Finance); he flew more than 100 combat missions in Vietnam as an F-4 pilot and as vice

1 commander of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing; highly
2 decorated, he earned the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf
3 cluster, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with
4 three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf
5 clusters, and at least 10 other honors; and

6 WHEREAS, after providing 23 years of laudable
7 service and attaining the rank of Colonel, Mr. Pewitt retired
8 from the Air Force and joined the staff at the University of
9 Alabama at Birmingham, where he progressed through the ranks
10 to become Senior Vice President for Administration; he was
11 active in numerous civic organizations in his adopted city and
12 he was a graduate of Leadership Birmingham and Leadership
13 Alabama; his love of aviation led him to serve as Chair of the
14 Board and Director of the Southern Museum of Flight; he was a
15 faithful and devoted member of Canterbury United Methodist
16 Church; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
18 wife of 64 years, Betty Hightower Pewitt; his three sons,
19 Ransom D. (Laura), James P. (Angela), and Ted (Catherine)
20 Pewitt; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother,
21 Gale Pewitt; and several nieces and nephews; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Pewitt was a valued member of the
23 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
24 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
25 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
3 Mr. James Dudley Pewitt, we are extremely grateful for his
4 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
5 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
6 and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 06-APR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

11-APR-17

Adopted