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3 By Representatives Mooney, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy,
5 Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy,
8 Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,
10 Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones,
11 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Moore (B),
13 Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus, Polizos,
14 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,
15 Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge,
16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton
17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW),
18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE JIM
BENNETT.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
note the lamentable death of James R. "Jim" Bennett on August
17, 2016, at the age of 76; he was a lifelong public servant;
he served four times as Alabama Secretary of State; he served
in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1978 through
1983, the Alabama Senate from 1983 until 1993, and was
appointed by Governor Bob Riley as the Commissioner of the
Alabama Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Jacksonville State University
and the University of Alabama; he was a longtime member and
former President of the Board of Trustees for Jacksonville
State University; and

WHEREAS, from 1961 through 1971, prior to his
political career, he was a reporter for the Birmingham
Post-Herald; later he wrote a series of columns for AL.com and
is the author of several history books including, Historic
Birmingham and Jefferson County and Tannehill and the Growth
of the Alabama Iron Industry; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Secretary of State, he
also served as President of the National Association of

1 Secretaries of State and brought the national convention of
2 that organization to Mobile, Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, with decades of involvement in government
4 and public affairs, he was known for his unselfish service to
5 the Citizens of Alabama; he was recently awarded the
6 Governor's Cross, which is the highest honor bestowed by the
7 Alabama National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Bennett was a valued member of the
9 community and loved by many, and we join with others to mourn
10 the death of our friend and colleague; although his presence
11 will be greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the
12 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him and
13 all those whom he served; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Jim Bennett is
16 recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his death, we
17 also celebrate his life; this resolution is offered in highest
18 tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
19 grief is shared by many.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 18-AUG-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

19-AUG-16

Adopted