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3 By Representative Ford
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 26-APR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF
4 FORMER ALABAMA CHIEF JUSTICE PERRY OLIVER HOOPER, SR.
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6 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
7 note the lamentable death of Perry Oliver Hooper, Sr., a
8 native of Montgomery, Alabama, on April 24, 2016, at the age
9 of 91 years; he was a faithful member of the First United
10 Methodist Church of Montgomery; he was elected Chief Justice
11 of the Alabama Supreme Court on November 8, 1994, and was the
12 first Republican in Alabama history to be elected chief
13 justice; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper was born in
15 Birmingham, Alabama, and served with pride in the United
16 States Marine Corps; he attended Birmingham-Southern College
17 and the University of Alabama; Chief Justice Hooper served as
18 the first elected Republican probate judge of Montgomery
19 County; he was elected in January 1965 and reelected in 1970;
20 he was elected as Circuit Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit
21 in 1974 and served there until his retirement in 1983; and

22 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper was an active member
23 of the National Center for State Courts, the Association of
24 Chief Justices, the National Center for State Courts, the
25 Association of Chief Justices, the Republican National

1 Committeeman for Alabama, he served as chair of the Rules
2 Committee, and chair of the Alabama Judicial System Study
3 Commission, the Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council,
4 the Alabama Judicial System Planning Committee, and the
5 Alabama Unified Judicial System Legislative Coordinating
6 Council; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper received the
8 prestigious Annual Thomas Goode Jones School of Law Mediation
9 Award and the Howell Heflin Award; and

10 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 63 years,
11 Marilyn Yost Hooper; children, Perry Hooper, Jr.; Walter
12 Hooper; Conwell Hooper; and John Hooper; a host of relatives
13 including, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces,
14 nephews, and cousins, and a multitude of former coworkers and
15 friends; now therefore,

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

