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3 By Representative Brown
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8 COMMENDING JESSE WHITFIELD MILES, SR., FOR
9 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNERAL SERVICE INDUSTRY AND FOR
10 EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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12 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and pleasure that we
13 recognize the contributions and service of Jesse Whitfield
14 Miles, Sr., to the funeral service industry and this state;
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16 WHEREAS, born in the Crumley Chapel community, a
17 graduate of Minor High School, and a veteran of the Korean
18 War, Mr. Miles began his pursuit of serving others as an
19 apprentice for Bell Funeral Home in 1949; and

20 WHEREAS, after two years of dedicated service as an
21 apprentice, Mr. Miles enrolled in the John A. Gupton School of
22 Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated
23 in 1951 with his Tennessee embalmer's license; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Miles returned to this great state,
25 obtained an Alabama embalmer's license, and joined with Bell
26 Funeral Home in 1952, where he worked diligently serving the
27 bereaved until 1964; thereafter, Mr. Miles acquired McGraw

1 Brown Service Funeral Home in Winfield where he has operated
2 Miles Funeral Home for one-half of a century; and

3 WHEREAS, a proud supporter of education, Mr. Miles
4 received his Certified Funeral Service Professional
5 Designation from the Academy of Professional Funeral Service
6 Practice and generously contributed to the education of others
7 by enabling several employees to attend mortuary school, many
8 of whom continue to successfully contribute to the funeral
9 home industry; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to professional contributions
11 to the funeral service industry as a board member and past
12 president of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association, a
13 former board member of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service,
14 and a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and
15 the Selected Independent Funeral Homes, Mr. Miles was an
16 active advocate in the community, serving as past District
17 Governor of Lions International, a member of the Masonic
18 Lodge, and Winfield City Councilman; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Miles has instilled in adults and
20 children alike a benevolent spirit of volunteerism and
21 community service, an invaluable gift and legacy which will
22 provide a positive and lasting influence on Marion County and
23 this entire state; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend
26 Jesse Whitfield Miles, Sr., for his extensive contributions to
27 the funeral service industry, as well as for his community

1 service and inspiration, and by copy of this resolution we
2 extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for future
3 success in all endeavors as he continues to faithfully serve
4 the residents of this great state.