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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, McCutcheon,
4 Williams (P), Johnson (W) and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 02-MAY-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WESLEY NEIGHBORS,
4 SR.

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6 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
7 receive news of the death of Mr. William Wesley "Billy"
8 Neighbors, Sr., on April 30, 2012, at the age of 72 years; and

9 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa on February 4, 1940, he
10 was a prominent business leader in the Securities Industry in
11 Huntsville and was also a revered member of the extended
12 family of The University of Alabama's Crimson Tide; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Neighbors gained national fame as Team
14 Captain and an All-American on the 1961 National Championship
15 Team, having been part of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's first
16 recruiting class in 1958; and

17 WHEREAS, among his collegiate recognitions, he won
18 the Jacobs Award as the best blocker in the Southeastern
19 Conference and was named Most Valuable Lineman in the 1961
20 Senior Bowl; he went on to an eight-year pro football career
21 as a standout for the Boston Patriots (1962-1965) and Miami
22 Dolphins (1966-1969); and

23 WHEREAS, in 1992, he was among the Crimson Tide
24 greats who were named to the Alabama Team of the Century, and

1 he was a 2003 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame;
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3 WHEREAS, he made a successful transition from his
4 football career to the business world, and for more than four
5 decades was highly regarded as a stock broker and civic leader
6 in Huntsville, where he was also known for his devotion to
7 family; survivors include his wife, Susan Willa Kinzer
8 Neighbors; children, Wes (Phyllis) Neighbors, Claire Neighbors
9 (Bubba) Roby, and Keith (Kim) Neighbors; 10 grandchildren; and
10 one sister Mary Evelyn Neighbors (Chester) Johnson; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Neighbors was a valued member of the
12 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
13 legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the
14 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. William
18 Wesley Neighbors, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
19 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along
20 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared
21 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 03-MAY-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate 10-MAY-12

Adopted