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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. D. EDWARD STARNES, JR.

WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. D. Edward Starnes, Jr., on February 9, 2013, with deep sadness; his immeasurable life of 79 years is commended and celebrated with thanksgiving; and

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

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Starnes tirelessly dedicated much of his life to serving Huntsville and Alabama as an education advocate and public servant; he was also a talented artist; and

WHEREAS, he married Jane Ramelle Hylton, also a University of North Carolina graduate, on September 24, 1955, and from their blissful union rose a family they both considered their greatest blessing and most lasting legacy; the highly regarded couple worked side by side to build their family, church, and community; they loved to visit Tar Heel country, and many of Ed's paintings reflect their travels across the state; Ocracoke became a second home for them during summers, where they rode bikes, walked on the beach,

1 prepared elaborate feasts, and collaborated about Ed's art; and

2 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
3 wife; children and spouses, Ed, III, and Lynne Starnes,
4 Kathryn and Bill Stem, Bill and Christine Starnes, and David
5 and Lisa Starnes; nine grandchildren; and three
6 great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Starnes was a valued member of the
8 community; although he will be greatly missed, his memory will
9 be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
10 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
13 Mr. D. Edward Starnes, Jr., we are grateful for his invaluable
14 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
15 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
16 family and friends.

