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3 By Representatives Warren and McClammy
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-FEB-22

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT MCDADE BURTON.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note
6 the death on February 9, 2022, of Mr. Robert McDade Burton of
7 Tuskegee, Alabama, at the age of 81 years; and

8 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
9 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
10 where he has highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was born on October 3, 1940, to
12 Robert and Beatrice Burton McDade in Montgomery County,
13 Alabama; he matriculated at The Commonwealth College of
14 Sciences in Houston, Texas, where he completed the prescribed
15 course of Mortuary Science for graduation as a Professional
16 Embalmer in February 1964; he served his country in the United
17 States Army during the Vietnam War and received an Honorable
18 Discharge; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton and his wife, Maxine, purchased
20 McKenzie's Funeral Home in 1981; as a businessman, Mr. Burton
21 devoted more than 58 years of service to the funeral industry
22 serving families of West Alabama and surrounding areas; during
23 his stellar career in funeral service, he was afforded the
24 opportunity to work for Harrison-Ross Mortuary of Los Angeles,
25 California; Burton's Funeral Home of Tuskegee, Alabama; and as

1 a Trade Embalmer for surrounding funeral homes; he served as a
2 mentor to many, thus enhancing their funeral service careers;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated and faithful member of
5 St. Paul Baptist Church of Cecil, Alabama, and Mount Olive
6 Baptist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees and
7 the Building Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Burton was a member the
9 East Alabama Funeral Home Directors and Morticians Association
10 where he served as President; a lifetime member of the Alabama
11 Funeral Home Directors and Morticians Association; the
12 National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association,
13 Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Macon County Council
14 on Retardation and Rehabilitation, Incorporated and member of
15 Booker T. Washington Consistory #115 of Masons and Mizraim
16 Temple #119 Order of Shriners; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his
18 beloved wife, Mrs. Evangelyne Maxine Howard Burton; brother,
19 Sylvester McDade; sisters, Deliah Pierce and Dorothy Glover;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include his sons, Howard C.
22 Burton and Kelvin L. Burton; grandsons, Carson Burton and
23 Myles King; brothers, Willie Lee Pierce and Reginald Pierce;
24 sisters, Dorothy Delois Ripton and Beatrice Pierce and a host
25 of other relatives and friends; and

1 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
2 missed, the memory of Mr. Burton will be cherished in the
3 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore;

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Robert McDade
6 Burton is recorded with deep sadness and this resolution is
7 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
8 his family, whose grief is shared by many.

