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3 By Representative Scott
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN W. TARVER, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. John W. Tarver,
11 Jr., with deep sadness; his immeasurable life is commended and
12 celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born January 22, 1919, in Fairfield,
17 Alabama, he was the son of the late John W. Tarver, Sr., and
18 Maggie M. (Whitson) Tarver; he grew up in Fairfield and joined
19 Miles Chapel C.M.E. Church, where he attended Sunday School
20 and participated in youth church activities; he attended
21 Fairfield Public Schools and graduated from St. Mark High
22 School in Birmingham in 1938; and

23 WHEREAS, upon completing three years at Miles
24 College, Mr. Tarver served with much honor and distinction in
25 the U.S. Army during World War II; after his service, he
26 returned to Miles College, where he graduated with an AB
27 degree in Natural Science in 1946; in 1947, he married Ethel

1 Lois Williams, who was a member of his graduating class at
2 Miles College; their blissful union was blessed with two
3 children, the late journalist, Ingrid Camille Tarver Kindred
4 and attorney/administrator Courtney Wayne Tarver; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Tarver received his Master's Degree
6 from Alabama A and M University and his AA Certificate from
7 The University of Alabama at Birmingham; he pursued extensive
8 study in science sponsored by the National Science Foundation
9 at a number of universities including Ohio Wesleyan, Oregon
10 State, North Carolina A and T, and Tuskegee University; for a
11 number of years, he taught in the Veteran's School of
12 Birmingham until it closed, and the Birmingham Public School
13 System at Parker, Carver, and Ensley High Schools as a science
14 teacher until his retirement; he also served as a licensed
15 agent for securities and life and health insurance; and

16 WHEREAS, he performed community service with Boy
17 Scouts of America as an Exploring Advisor and as a Life Member
18 of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., and he was an avid
19 supporter of Miles College through its Alumni Association and
20 especially its Boosters; he was inducted into the Miles
21 College Sports Hall of Fame in 1981, selected as a Co-Alumni
22 Association Honoree in 2009, and was selected as Birmingham
23 Chapter and Co-Booster of the Year in 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, survivors include son, Courtney (Carolyn);
25 special friend and former spouse, Ethel Tarver; sister, Gladys
26 Coleman; sister-in-law, Alberta Tarver; son-in-law, Fred
27 Kindred (Brenda); grandchildren, Patrick (Senora) and Damon

1 (Veronica) Kindred, and Cameron, Bradley, and Kaitlyn Tarver;
2 seven great-great grandchildren; niece, Judy Blount (Horace);
3 nephew, Gregory; special companions and "buddies", Mr. and
4 Mrs. Leroy Cowan and Concetta Anderson; and a host of other
5 relatives and friends; he was preceded in death by his
6 parents; brothers, Lawrence and William; and daughter, Ingrid;
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8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tarver was a valued member of the
9 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
10 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
11 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

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