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3 By Representatives Fridy, Weaver, Carns, Drake, Ellis, Farley  
4 and Mooney  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF EARL CAESAR CUNNINGHAM, SR.

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10 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
11 death of Dr. Earl Caesar Cunningham, Sr., of Montevallo,  
12 Alabama, on April 1, 2017; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born October 26, 1931, Dr. Cunningham was  
17 the second son of eight children born to Willie M. Cunningham,  
18 Sr., and Janie Mae Moore Cunningham; and

19 WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in  
20 History/Psychology from The University of Alabama at  
21 Birmingham, Master of Arts Degree in Education from The  
22 University of Alabama, and he was awarded a Doctorate in  
23 Humanities; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Cunningham served his country in the  
25 United States Navy and the United States Army receiving the  
26 National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United

1 Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Army  
2 Commendation Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, he was employed for many years by The  
4 University of Alabama at Birmingham as an Educational and  
5 Placement Counselor for the State of Alabama, Operations  
6 MEDIHC, National Institute of Health, Department of Public  
7 Health, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Cunningham was a faithful member of  
10 Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Montevallo, Alabama, and  
11 served as an Ordained Deacon for 40 years; and

12 WHEREAS, his civic, fraternal, and professional  
13 affiliations include the American Legion, Stone Mountain  
14 Masonic Lodge #187, 3rd Degree Master Mason, Shelby County  
15 Commissioner, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Montevallo Suburban  
16 League, Montevallo Civitan Club, the Republican State  
17 Executive Committee, and the Shelby County Republican Party;  
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19 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Earl Caesar  
20 Cunningham, Jr., Charlene Cunningham Roche, and Christine  
21 Cunningham; brother, Roosevelt Cunningham, Sr.; sister, Daisy  
22 Ann Tolbert; nieces and nephews; grandchildren; and  
23 great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Cunningham was a valued member of the  
25 community, and although his presence will be greatly missed,  
26 his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those  
27 who were fortunate to know and love him; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
3           Dr. Earl Caesar Cunningham, Sr., we are extremely grateful for  
4           his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest  
5           tribute to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
6           family and friends.