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3 By Representatives Sherer and Guin
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN CURTIS POE.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss
11 that news is received of the death of an Alabama statesman,
12 Mr. John Curtis Poe, on December 25, 2009, at the age of 77;
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14 WHEREAS, Mr. Poe was the longtime chairman of the
15 Walker County Republican Party and a representative in the
16 Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature, where he ably represented
17 the concerns of senior citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, born in Cordova on February 20, 1932, and
19 endowed with a deep-seated sense of civic responsibility, he
20 became an Eagle Scout at the age of 16 and earned a Bachelor's
21 Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama at
22 Birmingham; a proud patriot and veteran, he served with honor
23 and distinction in the United States Navy; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Poe is remembered for more than 31
25 years of service as a Captain with the Alabama Marine Police,
26 and was also retired from the United States Coast Guard
27 Reserve as an intelligence agent; his civic leadership roles

1 included serving as state president of the Fraternal Order of
2 Police, and he was an active member of Mount Vernon Baptist
3 Church as well as a number of community organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
5 and loving wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Sue Guthrie Poe; sons,
6 J. C. (Patty) Poe, Jr., and Douglas McRae (Beth) Poe;
7 daughter, Elaine (Sherywon) Calvert; grandsons, Brett Calvert,
8 Matthew (Nicole) Poe, and Taylor Poe; granddaughters, Beth
9 Calvert (James) Donohue and Anne Elisabeth Poe;
10 great-grandchildren, Annalise Calvert, Andrew Curtis Poe, and
11 Elijah Coleman; and a host of additional devoted relatives and
12 friends; and

13 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
14 John Kelly and Martha Underwood Poe; sisters, Rosella Evans,
15 Gertrude Treese Garrison, and June Heathcock; brothers, Willie
16 Poe, Melvin Poe, and Deward Poe; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Poe was admired for his work ethic and
18 the depth of his knowledge about the political process; while
19 his presence will be greatly missed by those who were
20 privileged to know him, he leaves a legacy of far-reaching
21 civic contributions that will endure for future generations;
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. John Curtis
25 Poe is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
26 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
27 to his grieving family and all those he leaves bereft.

