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3 By Senator Butler
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 16-MAR-21

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4 ENROLLED, SJR65,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES M. NEWBY, JR.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death on February 27, 2021, of Mr. James "Jimmy" M. Newby,
9 Jr., at the age of 75; and

10 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
11 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
12 where he was highly regarded; Mr. Newby was born in Columbia,
13 Tennessee, on April 21, 1945, to James M. Newby, Sr. and
14 Martha Allen Newby; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Newby grew up helping with the family
16 dairy farm, baling and hauling hay, and driving a tractor; the
17 family moved to Limestone County, Alabama, where he attended
18 Athens High School; he was elected class president his senior
19 year in 1963; after high school, Mr. Newby served in the
20 National Guard for six years; he attended Athens College while
21 in the National Guard; in 1967, Mr. Newby bought his first
22 farm, Newby Farms; he ginned cotton from that time on; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Newby spent time serving on many
24 boards, including Limestone County Soil and Conservation,
25 Limestone Farmers Cooperative Board serving as President from

1 2000 until now, Alabama Farmers Cooperative Board Chairman
2 2014-2016, Nationwide Insurance, Associated Growers Gin,
3 Bonnie Plant Board Chairman 2014-2016, Cooperative Financial
4 Services Board Chairman 2014-2016, and Soil Conservation
5 Service Board Vice Chairman 1998-2016; and

6 WHEREAS, his friends and family describe Mr. Newby
7 as an avid reader, down to earth, particular in his words,
8 always willing to lend an ear or helping hand, having a green
9 thumb, strong as an ox, intelligent, good, honest, and
10 hardworking; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Newby is predeceased by his parents; he
12 is survived by his wife of 46 years, Martha Newby; daughter,
13 Leigh Anne Toone (Shane); sons, James Newby (Lindsay) and John
14 Newby (Monica); grandchildren, Emma Newby, Grace Newby, James
15 Newby, Jr., Caroline Newby, Jack Newby, Isbella Newby, Cora
16 Toone, and Paisley Toone; brother, Jerry Newby (Diane);
17 sister, Susan Ming (Bill); and a host of several nieces and
18 nephews and many friends; and

19 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
20 missed, the memories of Mr. Newby will be cherished in the
21 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. James M.
24 Newby, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution

1 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
2 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 30-MAR-21

By: Senator Butler