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3 By Representatives Vance, Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L), Ball,  
4 Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beech, Bentley, Black, Boothe, Boyd,  
5 Bridges, Brown, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman, Collier,  
6 Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields,  
7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,  
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,  
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,  
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,  
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,  
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),  
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,  
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,  
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas  
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J),  
18 Williams (P), Wood and Wren  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DOCTOR HARVEY CURTIS PITTS,  
9 JR.

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11 WHEREAS, with deep sadness and an overwhelming sense  
12 of loss, we record the death of a most distinguished Alabamian  
13 and American hero, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Curtis Pitts,  
14 Jr., Ed.D., on March 31, 2010, at the age of 75 years; and

15 WHEREAS, born January 18, 1935, he was the son of  
16 Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Curtis Pitts, Sr., and Sara Booth  
17 Pitts; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Pitts was a highly decorated veteran  
19 who embarked upon a second career as an educator after  
20 retirement from the military; he served his country for 20  
21 years in the United States Air Force, where he graduated first  
22 in his class in five of the nine schools he attended; he was a  
23 decorated fighter pilot who received a Silver Star for combat  
24 duty in Vietnam, a Bronze Star, and the Barry Goldwater "Top  
25 Gun" Award, among many additional recognitions; in addition,  
26 he served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an Action Officer;  
27 and

1           WHEREAS, in 1975, Dr. Pitts founded and was vice  
2           chancellor of the Phenix City Campus of Troy University and  
3           under his leadership, the campus grew to almost 2,000 students  
4           and became one of Troy University's four thriving campuses;  
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6           WHEREAS, his academic credentials include a  
7           Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Auburn  
8           University, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from  
9           Georgia State University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree  
10          from Troy University; and

11          WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death a son, Curt  
12          Pitts, and his mother, Charlotte Skelton; three daughters,  
13          Melissa (Dan) Komitor, Sara Nicholson, and Christy (Russ Gay)  
14          Jowers, and their mother, Janice Henderson; one granddaughter,  
15          Katie Nicholson; three grandsons, Johnny Nicholson, Alex  
16          Komitor, and Sam Komitor; one sister, Belle P. (Gentry) Lee;  
17          and two brothers, Charles (Cynthia) Pitts, and Joe Pitts and  
18          wife, Kathryn Ness; and

19          WHEREAS, Dr. Pitts served his country with honor and  
20          distinction in time of war and became a highly esteemed  
21          educator after returning to civilian life; his presence will  
22          be greatly missed by those who were privileged to know him,  
23          but he leaves a legacy of dedicated service that will endure  
24          for future generations; now therefore,

25          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Harvey  
27          Curtis Pitts, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this

1 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
2 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.