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3 By Senator Little (T)  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR158,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DOCTOR HARVEY CURTIS PITTS,

6 JR.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an  
9 inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the death  
10 of a most distinguished Alabamian and American hero,  
11 Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Curtis Pitts, Jr., Ed.D., on March  
12 31, 2010, at the age of 75 years; and

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

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

6           WHEREAS, his academic credentials include a  
7           Doctorate in Administration and Supervision from Auburn  
8           University, a Master's in Business Administration Degree 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,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2           HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. Harvey Curtis  
3           Pitts, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
4           is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
5           sympathy to his grieving family.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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