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3 By Representatives Merrill, Harper, Poole and England
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 22-MAR-11

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES RUFUS DOCKERY.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
6 received of the death of Dr. James Rufus Dockery, a lifelong
7 resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on March 1, 2011, at the age
8 of 81; Dr. Dockery was born in Tuscaloosa on March 11, 1929,
9 and operated a local private dental practice for more than 40
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery received his doctorate of
12 dental medicine from the University of Alabama in Birmingham;
13 he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, Psi Omega dental
14 fraternity, and Omega Kappa Epsilon, National Dental Honorary;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery served as a dental officer in
17 the United States Air Force and was active in the community;
18 he belonged to many civic and social groups including, the
19 Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate
20 Veterans, Tuscaloosa Appeals Review Board, Indian Hills
21 Country Club, Druid Civitan Club, Tuscaloosa Chamber of
22 Commerce, and Mauvilla Hunting Club; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery was a life member of The
24 American Dental Association and the Alabama Dental
25 Association, where he served on the Board of Trustees for many

1 years; he also served the citizens of Tuscaloosa as a member
2 of the Tuscaloosa City Council and the Tuscaloosa Convention
3 and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors; and

4 WHEREAS, to his family and friends, Dr. Dockery was
5 known as a gentle man who cared about helping others; he was
6 known for his personality and willingness to serve others and
7 he counted as the joy of his life, his wife, family, and
8 friends; he was an active member of the University Church of
9 Christ; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery was preceded in death by his
11 parents, Samuel Francis and Gladys Powell Dockery; and his
12 brother, Billy Frank Dockery; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Dockery is survived by his wife of 52
14 years, Sandra Boston Dockery; his daughters, Sandra Dockery
15 (Scott) Holcombe, Deborah Dockery (Robin) Laurie, and Diana
16 Dockery (Winton IV) Blount; son, Dr. James Rufus (Laura)
17 Dockery, Jr.; grandchildren Elizabeth Laurie, Garrett Laurie,
18 Beverley Blount, Frances Blount, Winton Blount,V, Linda
19 Holcombe, John Scott Holcombe, Taylor Dockery, Katherine
20 Dockery, and Forrest Dockery; his presence will be greatly
21 missed, and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
22 minds of those who knew him; now therefore

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. James Rufus
25 Dockery is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this

1 resolution heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving
2 family and friends.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 24-MAR-11.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

31-MAR-11

Adopted