

1 HJR377
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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 12-APR-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STEVE FINNELL.
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5 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
6 news of the death of Mr. Steve Finnell of Huntsville, Alabama,
7 on March 24, 2012, at the age of 65 years; and

8 WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Finnell leaves a void in
9 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
10 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, he began his career in economic development
13 in the 1970's with the Huntsville Industrial Expansion
14 Committee (HIEC), that later changed to the Industrial
15 Development Association (IDA), which at that time were sister
16 organizations to the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison
17 County; after spending the initial years of his career in
18 Huntsville and later in Selma, he worked in economic
19 development in Louisiana before returning to Huntsville in
20 1989; then he served as Director of Industrial Development for
21 the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce; in April 2011, he retired
22 as Economic Development Director with the Chamber; and

23 WHEREAS, he had a strong work ethic, a keen sense of
24 teamwork, and a selfless demeanor; with much dedication, he
25 was committed to his community and the companies he worked

1 with and engaged elected leaders and economic development
2 allies in his projects; he served as secretary to the
3 Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville; he was
4 also a highly devoted family man; and

5 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
6 missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds
7 of those who were fortunate to know him; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his daughter, Leslie
9 (Phil) Scalf; sons, Bill (Lauren) Finnell and Wes Finnell;
10 sister, Sydney (Jackie) Cummings; brother, Woolsey (Linda)
11 Finnell, III; grandchildren, Wyatt, Shelley, and Abby; and
12 other relatives; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Steve Finnell
15 is recorded with deep sadness, and it is directed that his
16 family receive a copy of this resolution, which is offered in
17 highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to
18 his grieving family.

