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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, McCutcheon,
4 Williams (P), Johnson (W) and Hall
5 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WESLEY NEIGHBORS,
9 SR.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 receive news of the death of Mr. William Wesley "Billy"
13 Neighbors, Sr., on April 30, 2012, at the age of 72 years; and

14 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa on February 4, 1940, he
15 was a prominent business leader in the Securities Industry in
16 Huntsville and was also a revered member of the extended
17 family of The University of Alabama's Crimson Tide; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Neighbors gained national fame as Team
19 Captain and an All-American on the 1961 National Championship
20 Team, having been part of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's first
21 recruiting class in 1958; and

22 WHEREAS, among his collegiate recognitions, he won
23 the Jacobs Award as the best blocker in the Southeastern
24 Conference and was named Most Valuable Lineman in the 1961
25 Senior Bowl; he went on to an eight-year pro football career
26 as a standout for the Boston Patriots (1962-1965) and Miami
27 Dolphins (1966-1969); and

1 WHEREAS, in 1992, he was among the Crimson Tide
2 greats who were named to the Alabama Team of the Century, and
3 he was a 2003 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame;
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5 WHEREAS, he made a successful transition from his
6 football career to the business world, and for more than four
7 decades was highly regarded as a stock broker and civic leader
8 in Huntsville, where he was also known for his devotion to
9 family; survivors include his wife, Susan Willa Kinzer
10 Neighbors; children, Wes (Phyllis) Neighbors, Claire Neighbors
11 (Bubba) Roby, and Keith (Kim) Neighbors; 10 grandchildren; and
12 one sister Mary Evelyn Neighbors (Chester) Johnson; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Neighbors was a valued member of the
14 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
15 legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the
16 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. William
20 Wesley Neighbors, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
21 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along
22 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared
23 by many.