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3 By Representatives Greer, Black, Burdine, Buttram, Johnson  
4 (K), Patterson and Harper  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 08-MAY-12

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF GEORGE LINDSEY.  
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5 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
6 receive news of the death of George Lindsey on May 6, 2012, at  
7 the age of 83 years; and

8 WHEREAS, an internationally acclaimed actor and  
9 comedian, George Lindsey was a native Alabamian and played  
10 football at the University of North Alabama, where he  
11 maintained a loyal connection through the years and was  
12 awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1992; in  
13 addition, a film festival bearing his name is held at UNA each  
14 year, and the George S. Lindsey Theatre is named in his honor;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, after graduating from what was then  
17 Florence State Teachers College in 1952, he served with honor  
18 and distinction in the United States Air Force for three years  
19 and worked one year as a coach and history teacher in the  
20 Huntsville area before making his Broadway debut; and

21 WHEREAS, he was most widely known as the lovable  
22 Goober Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show" (1964-1968), "Mayberry  
23 RFD" (1968-1971), and "Hee Haw" (1971-1993), but his credits  
24 include a multitude of stage and movie roles, as well as  
25 memorable episodes of "The Twilight Zone," "The Alfred

1 Hitchcock Hour," "Gunsmoke," and "MASH," among many others;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, along with his success as a character actor  
4 of exceptional range, George Lindsey earned esteem as a  
5 compassionate humanitarian whose good works made a difference  
6 in countless lives; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout his professional life, he  
8 remained active in charitable and cultural events in Alabama,  
9 including establishing the George Lindsey Academic  
10 Scholarships at his alma mater; in addition, his George  
11 Lindsey Celebrity Golf Tournament in Montgomery raised more  
12 than one million dollars for Alabama Special Olympics over a  
13 17-year period beginning in 1973; his further accomplishments  
14 include being instrumental in raising more than \$400,000 for  
15 the George Lindsey Aquatic Center at the Alabama State  
16 Hospital for the Mentally Retarded; and

17 WHEREAS, few individuals have equaled the  
18 far-reaching philanthropic contributions of George Lindsey,  
19 who came from humble beginnings and attained the heights of  
20 celebrity by combining hard work with God-given talent, while  
21 never forgetting to provide for the less fortunate among us;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
24 missed, his legacy will long endure, and those who knew him  
25 will continue to find it impossible to think of the

1 kind-hearted and beloved Goober without being moved to smile;  
2 now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of George Lindsey is  
5 recorded with deepest sorrow, and this resolution is offered  
6 in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
7 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 09-MAY-12.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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16-MAY-12

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