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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ARNOLD HORNBUCKLE.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Mr. Arnold Hornbuckle of Huntsville, Alabama, on January 31, 2012, at the age of 84 years; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Hornbuckle leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded as a broadcasting pioneer, business entrepreneur, and civic leader; and

WHEREAS, born on March 18, 1927, in Huntsville, he was the son of Weston Neal and Lillie Mae Hornbuckle; as a teenager, he developed an interest in music that eventually led to the opening of his first retail business, Hornbuckle's Record Shop, an enterprise that quickly expanded to include musical instruments and home entertainment electronics; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, he founded WAHR-FM radio station, the first FM station in Alabama that was not previously associated with an existing AM radio station, and over a 40-year period, his broadcast facility became one of the consistently highest rated stations in North Alabama; in addition, his retail businesses continued to expand over the

1 years; in 2009, he was inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters
2 Association Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, his roles of community leadership included
4 being a founding member of the Space City Lions Club and
5 dedicated service on the boards of the YMCA, Chamber of
6 Commerce, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Huntsville
7 Rehabilitation Foundation, Burritt Museum, and Better Business
8 Bureau; he was a member of the First Baptist church in
9 Huntsville and was very active with the Mended Hearts
10 organization; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include two sons, Ronnie
12 Hornbuckle and Guy Hornbuckle, and one brother, Austin
13 Hornbuckle; in addition to his parents, he was predeceased by
14 a brother, Murlen Hornbuckle; and

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

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Arnold
21 Hornbuckle is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
22 is offered in highest tribute to his life, along with
23 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.

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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 14-FEB-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

16-FEB-12

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