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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM BASIL WATSON, JR.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Mr. William Basil Watson, Jr., of Huntsville, Alabama, on February 5, 2012, at the age of 65 years; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Watson leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, born on December 1, 1946, in Atmore, Alabama, he was the son of William Basil Watson, Sr., and Twynette Wells Watson Yeager; he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Samford University and Advanced Certification from Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking; and

WHEREAS, he retired from Wachovia Bank in 2006 as the Regional President of North Alabama and Tennessee; his community leadership including serving on the Board of Directors of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, the Association of the United States Army (Redstone Chapter), and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Business School Advisory Board; in addition, he served on the Army Community Relations Committee Huntsville/Redstone; he was also

1 Chair of Volunteers of America, North Alabama, and served on
2 the Board of Directors of Servis-First Bank; he was a member
3 of First Baptist Church of Huntsville; and

4 WHEREAS, holding the title of Army Reserve
5 Ambassador, he was a retired Major General, having served with
6 honor and distinction in the United States Army for more than
7 38 years, including active duty, the Alabama National Guard,
8 and 27 years as the Commanding General of the 87th Division;
9 he was a graduate of the United States Army War College and
10 served as Commanding General of United States Army Reserve
11 Readiness Command; he was a highly decorated combat veteran of
12 the Vietnam War, earning the Army Distinguished Service Medal,
13 Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (with Oak
14 Leaf Cluster), Purple Heart (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and the
15 Combat Infantryman Badge; and

16 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth
17 "Meb" Boyett Watson; children, William Kevin (Holly) Watson
18 and Stephanie W. Boykin; four grandchildren; brother, Byron
19 (Jean) Watson; sister, Karen (John) Thomas; and stepmother,
20 Virginia Watson; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson set an enduring example for the
22 strength of his marriage and the love of his family, as well
23 as the distinction of his rewarding career; his memory will be
24 cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate
25 to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. William Basil
3 Watson, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
4 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along
5 with 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 16-FEB-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

28-FEB-12

Adopted