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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Patterson, Ball, Johnson (W),  
4 Williams (P), McCutcheon and Hall  
5 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. D. EDWARD STARNES, JR.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. D. Edward Starnes,  
11 Jr., on February 9, 2013, with deep sadness; his immeasurable  
12 life of 79 years is commended and celebrated with  
13 thanksgiving; and

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

17 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of North  
18 Carolina, Mr. Starnes tirelessly dedicated much of his life to  
19 serving Huntsville and Alabama as an education advocate and  
20 public servant; he was also a talented artist; and

21 WHEREAS, he married Jane Ramelle Hylton, also a  
22 University of North Carolina graduate, on September 24, 1955,  
23 and from their blissful union rose a family they both  
24 considered their greatest blessing and most lasting legacy;  
25 the highly regarded couple worked side by side to build their  
26 family, church, and community; they loved to visit Tar Heel

1 country, and many of Ed's paintings reflect their travels  
2 across the state; Ocracoke became a second home for them  
3 during summers, where they rode bikes, walked on the beach,  
4 prepared elaborate feasts, and collaborated about Ed's art;  
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6 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
7 wife; children and spouses, Ed, III, and Lynne Starnes,  
8 Kathryn and Bill Stem, Bill and Christine Starnes, and David  
9 and Lisa Starnes; nine grandchildren; and three  
10 great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Starnes was a valued member of the  
12 community; although he will be greatly missed, his memory will  
13 be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
14 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
17 Mr. D. Edward Starnes, Jr., we are grateful for his invaluable  
18 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his  
19 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
20 family and friends.