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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL JACKSON DARWIN,
III.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
the death of Mr. Samuel Jackson "Buddy" Darwin, III, of
Huntsville, Alabama, on March 11, 2014, at the age of 75
years; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
his loving family and his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Darwin was highly regarded throughout
Madison County, a sixth-generation, lifelong farmer and owner
of Pine Lawn Farm; he was also founder and owner of Heart of
Dixie Popcorn and Supply and Darwin Development; he believed
in giving back to the community and to the agriculture
industry and served on many boards and committees through the
years in addition to holding the top offices of professional
organizations; and

WHEREAS, he was one of the leaders of the American
Agriculture Movement in the early 1970s and 1980s and was
among the thousands of farmers who drove tractors to
Washington, D.C., in 1979, to protest low commodity prices; he
also participated in the annual Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll for
many years; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Darwin was a member of Central
2 Presbyterian Church; his hobbies included hiking, traveling,
3 history, and genealogy, and he was also an Auburn football
4 fan; and

5 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
6 Samuel Jackson Darwin, Sr., and Margaret McCollough Darwin;
7 brother, George William Darwin, and aunt, Octovia Saunders
8 Darwin; and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 54
10 years, Frances Lamb Darwin; son, Barton Jackson (Amber
11 Bentley) Darwin; daughter, Sammie Darwin (Bentley Ray) Walls;
12 five grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and a number of other
13 relatives; and

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

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

