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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. JULIAN S. KOBLER.
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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Dr. Julian S. Kobler
11 of Huntsville, Alabama, on July 25, 2015, with deep sadness
12 and regret; his invaluable life of 95 years is commended and
13 celebrated with tremendous thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Kobler 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, Dr. Kobler was born in New York City and
18 spent his youth in Philadelphia; he earned his Bachelor's
19 Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris
20 Doctorate from Rutgers; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Kobler embarked upon his professional
22 career during World II as a metallurgist; he arrived in
23 Huntsville in late 1959 and joined the Army Missile Command's
24 Research, Development, and Engineering Laboratory; he
25 progressed through the command's managerial structure to
26 Project Director, Technology Director and subsequently,
27 Director of the Missile Laboratories; and

1 WHEREAS, as a result of his uncanny ability to sell
2 the Army Missile Command's programs to the Department of
3 Defense, Huntsville received billions of dollars during the
4 1960's and 1970's; he was a charter appointee of the Senior
5 Executive Service and the recipient of the Department of the
6 Army's highest decorations; and

7 WHEREAS, upon retirement, Dr. Kobler served as a
8 consultant to industry and as an adjunct professor of
9 Engineering Management; in addition, he served as a Fellow of
10 the American Association for the Advancement of Science,
11 President of the Tennessee Chapter of the Association of the
12 U.S. Army, member of the former Huntsville-Madison County
13 Manpower Area Planning Consortium, and as Chair of the County
14 Commission James Record; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
16 wife, Dr. Virginia P. Kobler; sons, George P. Kobler (Criss),
17 and Jonathan P. Kobler (Lori); granddaughters, Arianne Kobler,
18 Mallory Kobler, Magnolia Kobler, and Samantha Kobler;
19 grandson, Drake Kobler; nephew, Scott Kobler (Susan); nieces,
20 Ellen Sacks (Hank), Davida Kobler, Suzanne Loving (Jeff), and
21 Michelle Pineda (Luis); and brother-in-law, William Ponds
22 (Nancy); he was preceded in death by his first wife, Rith
23 Shagen Kobler; his parents, Max Edward and Lillian Goldstein
24 Kobler; and brother, Edward; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Kobler was a valued member of the
26 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory

1 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
2 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
5 Dr. Julian S. Kobler, we are extremely grateful for his
6 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
7 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
8 his family and friends.