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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 STANLEY ARMITAGE JOHNS.
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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Stanley Armitage
13 Johns, whose passing on April 1, 2015, at the age of 84 years,
14 left a void in the lives of his loving family and friends; he
15 will be remembered as an inspiration to the countless numbers
16 whose lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of science and a man of spirit, Mr.
18 Johns dedicated his life to solving problems in a creative and
19 fascinating manner; he studied problems in unique ways to
20 uncover details and find better ways to do things; his faith
21 and sense of humor were evident in everything he tackled; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Johns earned a bachelor's degree in
23 Aeronautical Engineering from Ohio State University and began
24 serving at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1954;
25 following his military service in the U.S. Army, he made
26 significant contributions to the early years of space
27 exploration, including America's first space station; and

1 WHEREAS, for his passion for flight and his
2 contributions to aviation and space exploration he received
3 awards including the Rudolph Edse Award in Space Engineering
4 and he is commemorated in the Smithsonian National Air and
5 Space Museum's Wall of Honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Johns also was passionate about Alfa
7 Romeo sports cars, owned several cars, and was a member of the
8 Alfa Romeo Owners Club for 54 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Johns and Pat, his wife of 53 years,
10 hosted international students, created the International Peace
11 Scholarship at the Air Force Air War College, and served as
12 ambassadors for Friendship Force with a mission of building
13 global peace through international friendships; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Stan Johns is
15 survived by daughters, Jeannette Johns, and Juliette (Scott)
16 Stamper; son, Keating (Mary Beth) Johns; brother, Robert
17 (Carol) Johns; grandchildren, Claire Stamper, Charles Stamper,
18 William Johns and James Johns; nieces and nephews, Kelly Myer,
19 Bruce Johns, John Crow, Brent Crow, Matthew Crow, and Lori
20 Coshatt; eleven grandnieces and grandnephews; and a host of
21 family and friends; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Johns was a valued member of the
23 community and loved by many; although his presence will be
24 greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
25 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Stanley

1 Johns is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his
2 death, we also celebrate his life and his dedication and
3 commitment to problem solving; this resolution is offered in
4 highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to
5 his family, whose grief is shared by many.