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3 By Representatives Warren and Drummond
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 10-SEP-15

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ELBERT DAWSON, JR.

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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
11 to learn of the death of Mr. Elbert Dawson, Jr., on August 31,
12 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was born December 24, 1946, in
14 Roba, Alabama, to the late Elbert Dawson, Sr., and Lorine
15 Chambliss Dawson; he confessed his faith in Christ at an early
16 age and united with the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist
17 Church in Roba; and

18 WHEREAS, he met his wife and the love of his life,
19 Theilene Fitzpatrick while attending South Macon High School
20 in Roba, and they united in Holy Matrimony on December 27,
21 1967; their blissful union was blessed with two sons, Anthony
22 C. (Tracy) Dawson and Michael Jerome (Gail) Dawson; and

23 WHEREAS, his credentials include Opelika Tech in
24 Electronics, Alabama State Trooper Academy, Central Alabama
25 College in Criminal Justice, and Accident
26 Reconstruction-Northwestern training; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson served in the United States Army
2 from 1967 to 1969 including a tour in Okinawa, Japan; and

3 WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Dawson had the utmost
4 distinction of being the first African American State Trooper
5 in the State of Alabama; over the course of his career, he
6 also served as the Sheriff of Macon County, Alabama, a police
7 officer for the Alabama Department of Youth Services, a
8 special investigator for the Alabama Board of Nursing, a
9 member of Job Corp. and the VictoryLand Police Department; and

10 WHEREAS, survivors include his two sons; one sister,
11 Nellie (Eugene) Thomas; one brother-in-law, Eugene Martin; one
12 sister-in-law, Georgia Dawson; four grandchildren, Joshua
13 Ra-shad Dawson, Michael Jerome Dawson, Jr., and Malachi
14 Ja'Michael Dawson, and Kyle Anthony Dawson; two
15 step-grandchildren, Tyquan Daniel and Deon Daniel; one special
16 friend, Patricia Grant; and a host of nieces, nephews, and
17 other relatives and friends; he was preceded in death by his
18 brother, Jerry Dawson, and his two sisters, Vera Dawson
19 Patterson and Ida Dawson Martin; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was a valued member of the
21 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
22 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
23 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
26 Mr. Elbert Dawson, Jr., we are extremely grateful for his

1 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
2 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
3 his family and friends.