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3 By Representative Gaston  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-FEB-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF VERNON ALTON NEWBILL.  
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5 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
6 to learn of the death of Vernon Alton Newbill of Mobile,  
7 Alabama, on January 3, 2016, at 71 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
9 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
10 where he was highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill was born in Leakesville,  
12 Mississippi, to the union of Vody Alton and Earlyne Rebecca  
13 Newbill on September 25, 1944; in 1962, he graduated from  
14 Vigor High School, where he played varsity football,  
15 basketball, and baseball and was a member of two state  
16 championship teams in football and baseball; while attending  
17 The University of Alabama, he was a member of the 1964 and  
18 1965 national championship football teams; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill enjoyed enriching the lives and  
20 minds of young athletes through coaching; he coached Municipal  
21 Park football and baseball for 14 years and the Mobile  
22 Christian Middle School Football team for 15 years; he  
23 embarked upon his distinguished career as a licensed  
24 professional electrical engineer in 1972; he was employed by  
25 International Paper for 37 years and by Kellogg, Brown, and

1 Root, for 10 years; he enjoyed his work with many paper mills  
2 across the country and gained many friends in the business;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill's life reflected his loved for  
5 God and his Son Christ Jesus; he served as a deacon, elder,  
6 and a Bible Class Teacher at University Church of Christ; he  
7 also went on mission trips to the Philippine Islands; his  
8 unselfish, generous, and dedicated nature was an inspiration  
9 to the community; he was an affectionate patriarch, dutiful  
10 husband, and role model to his family; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
12 wife of 50 years, Camilla Ann Jones Newbill; three children,  
13 Vernon Alton Newbill, Jr. (Deana), Lana Renee Thompson (John),  
14 and Vincent Bradley Newbill (Dana); five grandchildren,  
15 Bradford Phillip and Grace Katherine Thompson, Stanley Alton  
16 Newbill, and Craig Vincent and Bradley Connor Newbill;  
17 siblings, Vaudie Dunn (Bill), James Earl Newbill (Maureen),  
18 and Kay Haas (Mark); he was preceded in death by his parents,  
19 Vody and Earlyne Newbill; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbill 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

1 Mr. Vernon Alton Newbill, we are extremely grateful for his  
2 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
3 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to  
4 his family and friends.

