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3 By Representatives Clarke, Drummond, Buskey and Bracy
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JOHN DAVID HASTON.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
11 note the lamentable death of John David Haston, on February 4,
12 2016, at the age of 90 years; he was a faithful minister of
13 the gospel for 50 years and served the Greater Macedonia
14 Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Haston was the eldest child of
16 John and Jeannie Haston and following his mother's death, he
17 helped care for his six younger siblings; a man of
18 determination, he earned his high school diploma years later
19 at the age of 40 years; and

20 WHEREAS, as a brick mason, Reverend Haston helped to
21 build schools and commercial buildings throughout Alabama and
22 was a member of the Bricklayers and Masons International
23 Union; ultimately, Reverend Haston started his own company,
24 Haston Masonry, and provided jobs for many other workers; and

25 WHEREAS, in the years following his retirement as a
26 brick mason and business owner, Reverend Haston supervised a

1 team that refurbished apartments for the Mobile Housing Board
2 until his health began to fail in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved
4 by many, Reverend Haston was admired and respected by all who
5 knew him; he leaves to cherish his memory four children, 10
6 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of other
7 relatives, family, and friends; although his presence will be
8 greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
9 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of John David
12 Haston is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his
13 death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is offered
14 in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
15 to his family and friends, whose grief is shared by many.