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3 By Representatives Buskey, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy,
5 Brown, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman,
6 Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England,
7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
8 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison,
9 Harper, Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A), Holmes (M),
10 Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson
11 (R), Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican,
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson,
14 Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren,
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD),
18 Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 24-FEB-16

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVE JOE R. CAROTHERS.
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11 WHEREAS, recorded with deep sorrow is the death of
12 Representative Joe R. Carothers of Dothan, Alabama, on
13 February 12, 2016, at the age of 77 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe Carothers graduated from Auburn
15 University in 1959 and had a 30-year career as an agriculture
16 teacher in the Houston County schools; a gentleman farmer and
17 a family man, Joe Carothers served Houston County in the
18 Alabama House of Representatives for 32 years, from 1974
19 through 2006; Representative Carothers will be remembered as a
20 people person who served others with dignity and respect; he
21 was a powerful voice for the Wiregrass; and

22 WHEREAS, locally, Representative Carothers was
23 involved in the National Peanut Festival for more than 40
24 years; he initiated the National Peanut Festival Junior Beef
25 Cattle show for youth exhibitors, he was a member and past
26 president of the Tri State Beef Expo Board of Directors,

1 served as chairman of the Houston County Steer Show, and
2 supported the Houston County Heifer Show; and

3 WHEREAS, a devoted long-time member of the first
4 United Methodist Church in Dothan, Representative Carothers
5 was also a lifetime member of the Dothan Houston County
6 Chamber of Commerce; a talented lawmaker and a trusted friend
7 to many, his manner was genuine and his public service was
8 sincere; and

9 WHEREAS, successfully running for public office
10 eight times, he still appreciated the simple life and
11 maintained his love of family as his number one priority;
12 Representative Carothers was a master of the legislative
13 process, respected by all, and ably represented his
14 constituents; his loyalty was never compromised; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Carothers is preceded in
16 death by his parents; his beloved wife of almost 50 years,
17 Barbara Burns Carothers; and brother William Carothers; left
18 to celebrate his memory are sons, Robins (Jerri) Carothers and
19 Merritt (Paula) Carothers; sister-in-law, Rose Carothers;
20 grandchildren Robins Carothers, IV, Zachary Carothers, and
21 Kathrine Carothers; nephews, Jackie Reeves and Bill Carothers;
22 and a host of family and friends, who will miss his dearly;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Carothers dedicated his
25 lifetime to serving the people he loved, his family, the

1 constituents in his district, and the citizens of Alabama,
2 with fairness and distinction; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with utmost gratitude we
5 recognize the significant and lasting contributions of
6 Representative Joe R. Carothers to the Alabama Legislature,
7 the people of his district, and the citizens of the State of
8 Alabama. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and shared sense of
9 immeasurable loss to his family and friends.