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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Beasley, Blackwell, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 28-FEB-17

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4 ENROLLED, SJR37,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JONATHAN WESTERVELT WARNER.

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7 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
8 to learn of the death of Jonathan Westervelt (Jack) Warner of
9 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 18, 2017, at 99 years of age;
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11 WHEREAS, the passing of Jack Warner leaves a void in
12 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
13 community, where he was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Jack Warner was born in Decatur, Illinois,
15 on July 28, 1917, to Herbert David Warner and Mildred
16 Westervelt Warner; and

17 WHEREAS, he graduated from Culver Military Academy
18 in Culver, Indiana, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree
19 in Business Administration from Washington and Lee University;
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21 WHEREAS, Jack Warner served in the United States
22 Army as a commissioned officer with the Mars Task Force in the
23 Burma Theater of Operations; and

24 WHEREAS, Jack Warner served as President, Chairman,
25 and CEO of Gulf States Paper Corporation over a span of 50

1 years, creating a quality leader in the American paper
2 industry; and

3 WHEREAS, his many professional and cultural
4 affiliations include Chairman and President of the Alabama
5 Chamber of Commerce, member of the National Board of the
6 Smithsonian Institute, Trustee Emeritus, Washington and Lee
7 University, Alabama Academy of Honor, and the Alabama Business
8 Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Warner was well-known for his generous
10 philanthropy extended to many causes including The University
11 of Alabama, Auburn University, Culver Military Academy,
12 Washington and Lee University, First Presbyterian Church, the
13 United Way, and the City of Tuscaloosa; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2010, Jack Warner received the Frederic
15 Edwin Church award for assembling one of the greatest private
16 collections of American art, including hundreds of paintings,
17 furniture, and decorative art objects representing
18 masterpieces of American art from the 18th century through the
19 early decades of the 20th century; and

20 WHEREAS, he was also recognized in 2011 by the
21 naming of the Jack and Susan Warner Hudson River Gallery in
22 the Metropolitan Museum of American Art in New York City; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Warner was preceded in death by his
24 first wife, Elizabeth Butler Warner; his son, David T. Warner;

1 his parents; and siblings, H. David Warner, Jr., and Joan
2 Warner VanZelev; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of 10
4 years, Susan G. A. Warner; his sister, Helene Hibbard; his
5 son, Jonathan Westervelt Warner, Jr.; grandchildren, Cade,
6 Westervelt, and Hannah Warner; and stepsons, Patrick W. Austin
7 and P. J. Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Jonathan Westervelt Warner was a valued
9 member of the community and the state; although his presence
10 is greatly missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and
11 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
15 Jonathan Westervelt (Jack) Warner, we are extremely grateful
16 for his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
17 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
18 sympathy to his family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-17

By: Senator Allen