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3 By Representatives Hall, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy, Brown,
5 Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Chestnut, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond,
7 Ellis, England, Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,
8 Fridy, Garrett, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hanes,
9 Harbison, Harper, Henry, Hill, Hollis, Holmes (A), Holmes (M),
10 Howard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R),
11 Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn,
12 Martin, McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican,
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Pettus,
14 Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Rowe, Sanderford,
15 Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South, Standridge,
16 Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren, Weaver, Whorton
17 (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD), Williams (JW),
18 Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 22-FEB-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. VIRGINIA CAPLES.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death on February 19, 2018, of Dr. Virginia Caples of
7 Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 72 years; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples was born on January 25, 1946, in
12 Doddsville, Mississippi, to Wiley Caples, Sr., and Ruth
13 Viverette Caples; she was the youngest of three children; and

14 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree
15 in Home Economics Education from Alcorn State University, her
16 Master of Arts Degree, and Doctorate Degree in Home Economics
17 Education from Iowa State University; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples had a great passion for
19 education that led to a distinguished career as a
20 administrator, professor, scholar, and mentor; in 1995, she
21 had the distinction of being chosen by the Board of Trustees
22 as the first female interim President of Alabama A and M
23 University in Normal, Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, during her 40-year career at the
25 University, she held leadership positions including, Provost

1 and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Dean, and
2 Distinguished University Professor; and

3 WHEREAS, her numerous awards included the First
4 Annual Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award by the Huntsville
5 Madison County NAACP, the Mentor of the Year Award by the 100
6 Black Men of America, Incorporated, Huntsville Chapter,
7 Oakwood University Community Hero Award, the AL.com 30 Women
8 Who Shape the State Award, and the Martin Luther King Unity
9 Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Delta
10 Theta Lambda Chapter; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Caples was a member of Alpha Kappa
12 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Greater Huntsville Chapter
13 of The Links, Incorporated, and the Church Street Cumberland
14 Presbyterian Church where she was a dedicated Sunday School
15 teacher and chair of the Diaconate; and

16 WHEREAS, one of her greatest honors came when
17 Alabama A and M University established the Virginia Caples
18 Lifelong Learning Institute on campus; this center addresses
19 the needs and quality of life of the older adult population in
20 the Tennessee Valley; and

21 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;
22 and brother, Wiley Caples, Jr.; and

23 WHEREAS, survivors include her devoted husband of 34
24 years, Hundley Batts, Sr.; brother, Eddie Caples; niece,
25 Cassandra Johnson; nephew, Anthony (Linda); great-niece,

1 Layla; niece, Michelle Caples; stepchildren, M.D. Batts,
2 Hundley Batts, Jr., (Janet), Sonya Batts-Martin;
3 granddaughter, Nia; sister-in-law, Delores Stewart;
4 brother-in-law; and a host of nieces and nephews and extended
5 family; and

6 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
7 missed, the memory of Dr. Caples will be cherished in the
8 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. Virginia
11 Caples has been recorded with deep sadness, and this
12 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with
13 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
14 many.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 22-FEB-18.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

01-MAR-18

Adopted
