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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS J. LEE.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 24, 2019, of Mr. Thomas J. "Jack" Lee of New  
12 Market, Alabama, at the age of 83 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was born on April 1, 1935, in  
17 Wedowee, Alabama, to John Tom Lee and Virginia Hodnett Walker;  
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19 WHEREAS, in 1958, he graduated from The University  
20 of Alabama, receiving his Bachelor Degree in Aeronautical  
21 Engineering; later, The University of Alabama-Huntsville,  
22 awarded him with an Honorary Doctorate; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee held numerous positions throughout  
24 his lifetime; in 1958, he was an Aeronautical Research  
25 Engineer with the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency; in 1960,  
26 he transferred to the Marshall Center, where he served as a  
27 Systems Engineer with the Center's Centaur Resident Manager

1 Office in San Diego, California; from 1963 to 1965, he served  
2 as Resident Project Manager for the Pegasus Meteoroid Detection  
3 Satellite Project in Bladensburg, Maryland; from 1965 to 1969,  
4 he served as Chief of the Center's Saturn Program Resident  
5 Office at the Kennedy Space Center; from 1969 to 1973, he  
6 served as an assistant to the Technical Deputy Director of  
7 Marshall; in 1974, he became Program Manager of the Spacelab  
8 Program Office, where he was responsible for NASA's work with  
9 the European Space Agency in the development of Spacelab, a  
10 multipurpose reusable laboratory for Earth orbital science  
11 activities; in 1980, he served as the Deputy Director of  
12 Marshall; from July 1989 to January 1994, he served as  
13 Director of the NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in  
14 Huntsville, Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1995, he retired, and co-founded LWI, an  
16 engineering consulting firm; later, he founded Lee and  
17 Associates, LLC, a systems engineering consulting firm, where  
18 he served as President; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's record of community service is  
20 extensive; he served as Chair for the Alabama Space Science  
21 Exhibit Commission; as a board member for the Habitat for  
22 Humanity; as President for the Sci-Quest Hands-On Science  
23 Center; as past President for the National Space Club; as a  
24 board member for the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of  
25 Fame; as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club STRIVE  
26 Program; and as a mentor for high school students; and

1                   WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jean Lee; son,  
2                   Ronald Kevin Lee (Denise); stepson, Patrick Jason Manning  
3                   (Kim); grandchildren, Sean Lee, Caitlin Lee Amsberry (Alex),  
4                   Megan Lee, Emily Manning, Samantha Camus, Ashley Camus, and  
5                   Matthew Laudano; and two great-grandchildren; and

6                   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
7                   missed, the memory of Mr. Lee will be cherished in the hearts  
8                   of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

9                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10                  THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Thomas J.  
11                  "Jack" Lee is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
12                  is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy  
13                  to his family, whose grief is shared by many.