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3 By Representatives Allen, Clouse and Gaston
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. DORRILL, JR.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 death on January 28, 2020, of Mr. John H. Dorrill, Jr., of
12 Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of 90; 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. Dorrill was born in the Pronto
17 Community of Pike County, Alabama, to John H. and Robbie Lee
18 Dorrill; and

19 WHEREAS, after graduating from Pike County High
20 School, Mr. Dorrill attended Troy State University;
21 subsequently, he served two years in the Army Counter
22 Intelligence Corps during the Korean War; when he returned to
23 Alabama, he enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, which
24 is now Auburn University, where he earned a degree in
25 Agricultural Economics; and

26 WHEREAS, in June 1955, he began his career at the
27 Alabama Farmers Federation as an Area Organization Director;

1 he later became a lobbyist and assistant for former President
2 J.D. Hays; soon thereafter, he served as a Federation
3 Executive Director under former President Goodwyn Myrick;
4 during his tenure at the Federation, he helped form the
5 Alabama Peanut Producers Association; the Federation's Young
6 Farmers Program; and ELECT, the Federation's political action
7 committee; also, the checkoff legislation was written and
8 implemented with the Federation, and he helped establish
9 important farm programs, including the Boll Weevil Eradication
10 Program, the Dairy Marketing Association, and the Alabama Milk
11 Control Board; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Dorrill retired and remained
13 active in state, local, and federal political issues for
14 several years; he also remained active in the Federation,
15 where he served on the organization's State Wildlife Committee
16 and Forestry Committee; in addition, he served as President on
17 Alabama TREASURE Forest Association's Board of Directors, as
18 President of the Pike County Farmers Federation, as Supervisor
19 of the Pike County Soil and Water Conversation District, as
20 Chairman of the Alabama and National Farm-City Committees, and
21 as District Governor of Alabama District Kiwanis
22 International; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Dorrill received the Alabama
24 Farmers Federation Special Service to Agriculture Award, the
25 highest award given by the state's largest farm organization;
26 in 2006, he was inducted into Auburn University's Alabama
27 Agriculture Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, he was an active member of First Baptist
2 Church of Troy, Alabama, where he attended the Baraca Sunday
3 School Class and was a former teacher of the class; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dorrill enjoyed spending time with his
5 family on his farm; oftentimes, he shared his farm with others
6 by hosting events, including the Annual Take a Kid Fishing Day
7 in Pike County; he also conducted tours on his timberland,
8 which is a certified TREASURE Forest; and

9 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents;
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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dorrill is survived by his wife, Carol
12 Anderson Dorrill; children, John H. Dorrill, III, (Sonjua),
13 Lee A. Dorrill (Lynn); and Rachel Dorrill Batrez; and
14 grandchildren, Haylee, Chloe, Cameron, Collin, Clay, and Anna
15 Claire; and

16 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
17 missed, the memory of Mr. Dorrill will be cherished in the
18 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John H.
21 Dorrill, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
22 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
23 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
24 many.