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3 By Representatives Pringle, Gaston, Wilcox, Drummond, Bracy,  
4 Clarke, Jones (S), Brown (C), Stringer, Simpson and McMillan  
5 RFD: Rules  
6 First Read: 04-FEB-21

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8 CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
9 WILLIAM MONTGOMERY COLLINS, SR. AND HIS WIFE, EUBER ROBERTS  
10 COLLINS.  
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12 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
13 deaths of former State Representative William Montgomery  
14 "Monty" Collins, Sr. and his wife, Euber Roberts Collins;  
15 passing away within 24 hours of each other, Monty passed away  
16 at the age of 90 on November 2, 2020, and Euber passed away at  
17 the age of 88 on November 3, 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, their passings leave voids in the lives of  
19 their loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
20 where they were highly regarded; and

21 WHEREAS, Monty was born on July 21, 1930, in  
22 Birmingham, Alabama, to Neal Glenn and Mary Katherine Collins;  
23 Euber was born on June 12, 1932, in Winfield, Alabama, to  
24 Homer Floyd and Euline Harton Roberts; and

25 WHEREAS, Monty attended high school at Gulf Coast  
26 Military Academy in Gulfport, Mississippi, and graduated from  
27 Ramsay High School in Birmingham; he then attended The

1 University of Alabama, where he met Euber; during his college  
2 years, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and  
3 he served in the Air Force Reserves during the Korean War;  
4 Euber grew up in Sylacauga, Alabama, and Anniston, Alabama,  
5 and graduated from Anniston High School; after she received  
6 her diploma, she attended Salem College for Women in Winston  
7 Salem, North Carolina, for two years before transferring to  
8 The University of Alabama, where she met Monty; she was a  
9 member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority; and

10 WHEREAS, Monty and Euber became husband and wife on  
11 November 27, 1953, at Parker Memorial Baptist Church in  
12 Anniston, Alabama; they began their life together in LaGrange,  
13 Georgia, where Monty joined his father's trucking business, BC  
14 Trucklines; after the unexpected passing of his father, he and  
15 his mother sold the family business, and he and Euber accepted  
16 a job opportunity in Mobile, Alabama; after working for  
17 Hempstead Oil Company in Mobile for years, Monty was recruited  
18 by Georgia Highway Express, which led to him becoming the  
19 General Manager of its Mobile office; he then served as the  
20 Vice President of Industrial Development and Governmental  
21 Affairs at the First National Bank of Mobile for the rest of  
22 his career; after he retired, he served as the Field  
23 Representative for Congressman Sonny Callahan's Mobile office  
24 and was also a member of the Alabama House of Representatives  
25 for two terms, a member on the Board of The University of  
26 South Alabama for nine years, a member of the Alabama State  
27 Docks Advisory Board, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of

1 the Alabama Banking School, where he was in the first  
2 graduating class, and a member of The Mobile Shriners  
3 International Fraternity; and

4 WHEREAS, Euber was very involved in the community as  
5 well; she was a member of the Board of the Florence Crittenton  
6 Home in Mobile for many years and the Chairwoman of the Mobile  
7 County Board of Registrars for four years; in addition, she  
8 was the first of three women to become a Deacon at the First  
9 Baptist Church of Mobile and was an avid bridge player; first  
10 and foremost, she was a devoted mother who supported the  
11 activities and interests of all four of her children, Monty,  
12 Jr., Bob, Perry, and Mary Katherine; and

13 WHEREAS, Monty was preceded in death by his parents;  
14 and his sister, Katherine Glenn DeGruy; Euber was preceded in  
15 death by her parents; and her sister, Peggy Roberts Williams;  
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17 WHEREAS, although the presence of Monty and Euber  
18 will be greatly missed, the memories of them will be cherished  
19 in the hearts of all who knew and loved them; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the deaths of Former State  
22 Representative William Montgomery "Monty" Collins, Sr. and his  
23 wife, Euber Roberts Collins, are recorded with deep sadness,  
24 and this resolution is offered in tribute to their lives,  
25 along with heartfelt sympathy to their family, whose grief is  
26 shared by many; Mr. and Mrs. Collins blessed many during their  
27 time on earth, and their legacy will continue to live on.

