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HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED)
LARRY REGINALD CAPPS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on May 2, 2023, of Brigadier General (Retired) Larry Reginald Capps at the age of 82; and

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

WHEREAS, General Capps was born on September 3, 1940, in Henry County, Georgia, to Henry Clifford Capps and Mary Evelyn Bunn Capps; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, General Capps received a Congressional Appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and graduated on June 5, 1963, with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering; on June 16, 1963, he married his high school sweetheart, Brenda D. Bailey, and they began a 28-year career in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, some of General Capps's distinguished military career achievements include serving his first operational assignment with an ordnance company in Fischbach, Germany; being assigned to a specialty unit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, assisting the Cambodian Military; serving as the Director of the Program Management Office for



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29 the Patriot Air Defense Project at Redstone Arsenal;
30 becoming the Commander of the 4th Training Brigade at Fort
31 Jackson, South Carolina, in 1983; and being promoted to
32 Brigadier General and assigned as the Deputy Commander of
33 the United States Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal,
34 the capstone assignment of his military career, in 1988; and

35 WHEREAS, in October 1991, General Capps retired from
36 the United States Army and began a new career with the
37 Raytheon Company, managing its Huntsville Operations; in
38 February 2000, he became the Chief Executive Officer and
39 President of the United States Space and Rocket Center
40 (USSRC) in Huntsville, where he directed and managed the
41 space museum and United States Space Camp educational
42 programs; in February 2011, he retired from the USSRC; and

43 WHEREAS, General Capps served with several civic
44 organizations, such as the Military Affairs Committee of the
45 Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and the
46 National Defense Industrial Association, among others; his
47 civic awards include the Junior Achievement Business
48 Laureate Award, the National Space Club Community Service
49 Award, and the John B. Medaris Award from the Tennessee
50 Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial
51 Association; and

52 WHEREAS, General Capps is survived by his wife; sons,
53 Barry and David; and granddaughter, Alyssa; and

54 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
55 missed, the memory of Mr. Capps will be cherished in the
56 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,



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57 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
58 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Brigadier General
59 (Retired) Larry Reginald Capps is recorded with deep
60 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
61 life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose
62 grief is shared by many.