

HJR164 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Mooney, Moore (M), Moore (P), Wood (D),
4 Wood (R), Almond, Baker, Bedsole, Blackshear, Bolton, Boyd,
5 Bracy, Brinyark, Brown, Butler, Carns, Chestnut, Clarke,
6 Clouse, Collins, Colvin, Crawford, Daniels, Drummond, DuBose,
7 Easterbrook, Ellis, England, Ensler, Estes, Faulkner, Fidler,
8 Fincher, Forte, Garrett, Gidley, Givan, Givens, Gray, Hall,
9 Hammett, Harbison, Harrison, Hassell, Hendrix, Hill,
10 Holk-Jones, Hollis, Hulsey, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Jones,
11 Kiel, Kirkland, Lamb, Lands, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee,
12 Lipscomb, Lomax, Lovvorn, Marques, McCampbell, McClammy,
13 Morris, Oliver, Paramore, Paschal, Pettus, Pringle, Rafferty,
14 Rehm, Reynolds, Rigsby, Robbins, Robertson, Sellers, Sells,
15 Shaver, Shaw, Shedd, Shirey, Simpson, Smith, Sorrells,
16 Stadthagen, Standridge, Starnes, Stringer, Stubbs, Tillman,
17 Travis, Treadaway, Underwood, Wadsworth, Warren, Whitt,
18 Whorton, Wilcox, Woods, Yarbrough

19 RFD: RULES

20 First Read: 04-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN MICHAEL
5 KOLEN.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we note the
8 passing of John Michael "Mike" Kolen of Birmingham, Alabama,
9 on April 3, 2024, at the age of 76; and

10 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
11 his loving family, many friends, and the Auburn, Birmingham,
12 Miami, and Montgomery communities he called home, where he
13 was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Mike Kolen was born on January 31, 1948; he
15 attended W.A. Berry High School in Hoover, Alabama, where he
16 was a star on the football team; he matriculated to Auburn
17 University and played Linebacker position under Coaches Shug
18 Jordan and Paul Davis; he remained a loyal and dedicated
19 alumnus to his alma mater and returned every A-Day to
20 present the Mike Kolen Award to the leading tackler from the
21 previous season; and

22 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Auburn Tigers,
23 Mr. Kolen led in tackles in 16 of the 25 games he started
24 from 1967 to 1969, earning All-SEC honors as a junior and
25 senior and was named Second-team All-American in 1969; he
26 was nicknamed "Captain Crunch" for his hard-hitting style,
27 but he was also a man of deep faith and was the first
28 recipient of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes College



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29 Athlete of the Year Award in 1970; and

30 WHEREAS, Mike Kolen was drafted to the Miami Dolphins
31 in 1970, Round 12, pick 289; he played eight seasons with
32 the Dolphins under Coach Don Shula and was part of the
33 "Perfect" 1972 unbeaten Super Bowl Champion team, the only
34 undefeated Super Bowl champion team in NFL history; he
35 played in three consecutive Super Bowls with the Dolphins in
36 1972, 1973, and 1974, and won both the 1972 and 1973 Super
37 Bowls; and

38 WHEREAS, after retiring from the NFL, Mike Kolen
39 became a successful businessman; he enjoyed success in real
40 estate, as the owner and operator of the Montgomery Athletic
41 Club, and as the founder of Kolen Financial Team; he authored
42 *The Greatest Team: A Playbook for Champions*; and he was
43 inducted into Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1985; and

44 WHEREAS, Mike Kolen had a fierce love for his family;
45 he was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Nancy Kolen; he
46 is survived by his two children, Kelly and John, and his
47 five grandchildren, whom he treasured wholeheartedly;
48 although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of
49 Mike Kolen will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew
50 and loved him; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
52 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of John Michael
53 "Mike" Kolen is recorded with deep sadness, and this
54 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
55 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
56 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 passed by the House 04-Apr-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

11-Apr-24

Adopted