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- 3 By Representative Faulkner
- 4 RFD: Rules
- 5 First Read: 06-Mar-25

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- 3 HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE A.
- 4 GARZON.

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- 6 WHEREAS, it is with deep reverence that we mark the
- 7 passing of United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel George
- 8 A. Garzon, Retired, on February 12, 2025, at the age of 87,
- 9 and celebrate his extraordinary life that remains a
- 10 testament to duty, honor, and an unwavering devotion to his
- 11 family, community, and country; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on
- 13 September 6, 1937, and grew up in the Mount Meigs Community
- 14 under the care of his devoted grandparents and beloved aunt,
- 15 Thelma Eubanks; he distinguished himself both academically
- 16 and athletically at Sidney Lanier High School, earning a
- 17 letter in varsity tennis, before he pursued higher education
- 18 at Huntingdon College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in
- 19 1959; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he answered his nation's call to service and
- 21 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States
- 22 Air Force through the Alabama Air National Guard; he honed
- 23 his aviation skills at the pilot training program at
- 24 Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, and at the
- 25 Advanced Fighter School at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix,
- 26 Arizona; subsequently, he graduated from Squadron Officer
- 27 School and Air Command and Staff College; and

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| 28 | WHEREAS, Colonel Garzon's military career was marked |
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| 29 | by valor and excellence; he served as an elite fighter pilot |
| 30 | flying the RF-84 and RF-4C with the 160th Tactical |
| 31 | Reconnaissance Squadron at Dannelly Field in Montgomery; his |
| 32 | distinguished service during the Berlin Crisis earned him |
| 33 | the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Readiness |
| 34 | Medal, and the Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, among |
| 35 | numerous other commendations and honors; eventually he |
| 36 | retired as a Command Pilot with the rank of Lieutenant |
| 37 | Colonel, but for the rest of his life he enjoyed reminiscing |
| 38 | and telling tales about flying with his friends and brothers |
| 39 | in arms; and |
| 40 | WHEREAS, even beyond the skies, Colonel Garzon |
| 41 | continued his lifelong mission of service and was a pillar |
| 42 | of the Montgomery business community while still serving the |
| 43 | public; he was appointed Director of the Alabama Department |
| 44 | of Aeronautics from 1990 to 1994, where he played an |
| 45 | instrumental role in shaping aviation policy on a national |
| 46 | level through his involvement as Regional Vice President and |
| 47 | Board Member for the National Association of State Aviation |
| 48 | Officials as well as serving as a Board Member for the |
| 49 | Center of Aviation Research and Education in Washington, |
| 50 | D.C.; and |
| 51 | WHEREAS, his lifelong love of knowledge was |
| 52 | unceasing, and he earned both a Bachelor of Science and a |
| 53 | Master in Education from Auburn University; he was |
| 54 | recognized for his academic excellence by being selected for |
| 55 | membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta and Kappa Delta Pi Honor |

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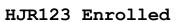
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| 50 | societies, additionally, he served as an esteemed member and |
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| 57 | Board Chair for the Auburn University School of Nursing, he |
| 58 | was a stalwart member of The University of Alabama School of |
| 59 | Medicine's Internal Medicine Program Advisory Board, and he |
| 60 | was lauded as Auburn University at Montgomery's |
| 61 | Distinguished Alumnus in 2000; and |
| 62 | WHEREAS, Colonel Garzon was also an engaged civic |
| 63 | leader, serving as Mayor of the Old Cloverdale Association |
| 64 | in Montgomery, Chair of the Sewanee: The University of the |
| 65 | South Parents' Council, was elected President of the South |
| 66 | Alabama State Fair in 1991, served on the Board of Directors |
| 67 | of the Group Homes for Children and The Montgomery Academy, |
| 68 | was a devoted member of the Order of the Daedalians, the |
| 69 | Quiet Birdmen Society, the Montgomery Jaycees, and the |
| 70 | Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; was a lifetime |
| 71 | member of the Radio Aero Modelers Montgomery and the |
| 72 | International Miniature Aircraft Association; and also |
| 73 | volunteered his leadership and expertise to organizations |
| 7 4 | like the United Way, the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, the |
| 75 | Montgomery Country Club, and his two terms of service on the |
| 76 | Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church; and |
| 77 | WHEREAS, above all his achievements, his greatest joy |
| 78 | and highest devotion was his beloved family, the four |
| 79 | children and seven grandchildren he shared with Marney V. |
| 30 | Garzon: daughter, Marney Garzon and her son Reed; June |
| 31 | Garzon; Georganne Perrine (Thomas) and their children Tiley, |
| 32 | Belle, Anne Archer, and Caroline; and Retired Lieutenant |
| 3 3 | Colonel George H. Garzon (Katherine) and their children |



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| 84 | George Jr. and Alice; he leaves to them an indelible legacy |
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| 85 | of warmth, wisdom, and love; and |
| 86 | WHEREAS, the State of Alabama stands in eternal |
| 87 | gratitude for the distinguished and selfless service that |
| 88 | Lieutenant Colonel George A. Garzon showcased throughout his |
| 89 | entire life, exemplifying the highest ideals of leadership, |
| 90 | devotion, and kindness; now therefore, |
| 91 | BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH |
| 92 | HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby reverently |
| 93 | commemorate the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of |
| 94 | Lieutenant Colonel George A. Garzon, honoring his unwavering |
| 95 | dedication and offering our deepest condolences to his |
| 96 | family, friends, and all who mourn his passing. |
| 97 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this |
| 98 | resolution be provided to the family of Lieutenant Colonel |
| 99 | Garzon as a token of the highest esteem in which he was held |
| 0.0 | by this body and the people of Alabama. |





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| | I hereby certify that the within Act originated | in |
| and was | s passed by the House 19-Mar-25. | |
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