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3 By Representative Sanderford  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES VILLARD BALCH.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on January 25, 2018, of Mr. James Villard Balch of  
12 Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 81 years, 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. Balch was born on October 12, 1936, to  
17 Robert Villard Balch and Goldie Clayton Balch of Lexington  
18 Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of Lexington High School,  
20 he attended Florence State Teachers College, which is now the  
21 University of North Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Balch established Bob Wallace Appliance  
23 Service, Inc., in 1978, and Wallace Appliance Sales,  
24 Incorporated in 1982; and

25 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Covenant Presbyterian  
26 Church, Mr. Balch served as Deacon, Elder, and member of the  
27 Geezers for God Bible Study Group; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Balch's professional affiliations  
2 included the Metropolitan Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, where he  
3 was awarded the J. Mercer Barnett Fellow Award and the Hixon  
4 Fellow Award; he was avtive in local, state and national  
5 politics and served on the Madison County Republican Executive  
6 Committee and the State of Alabama Republican Executive  
7 Committee; and

8           WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his brothers,  
9 Doyce Wendell Balch and Ralph Allen Balch; and sister, Frances  
10 Louise Williams; and

11           WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 60  
12 years, Jeanette Haygood Balch; son, James Wade Balch;  
13 grandson, Ryan Dee Balch (Amanda); granddaughter, Erin Ann  
14 Balch Wasson (Christopher); great-granddaughter, Brielle  
15 Makenna Wasson; brothers, Ray Balch (Susan), and Anthony  
16 Balch; sisters, Zelma Lee Hayes, Marcie Thalia Bullock  
17 (Orris), Ruth Mashburn, Carole Riddle (Frankie), and Melinda  
18 Gail McGee (Larry); and a host of nieces and nephews; and

19           WHEREAS, although his preceded will be greatly  
20 missed, the memory of Mr. Balch will be cherished in the  
21 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

22           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. James Villard  
24 Balch is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
25 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to  
26 his family, whose grief is shared by many.