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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 active 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 presence 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.