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3 By Representative Mooney
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 18-JAN-18

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
4 WILLIAM OSSIAN BOLEN, SR.
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6 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of
7 Mr. William Ossian Bolen, Sr., and we uplift his inspiring
8 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

9 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. William Ossian Bolen,
10 Sr., leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many
11 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
12 regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen was born November 15, 1928, in
14 Selma, Alabama, to Joseph Benjamin Bolen and Roberta Huggins
15 Bolen; Mr. Bolen graduated from The University of Alabama,
16 where he is a member of the School of Communications Hall of
17 Fame; he met the love of his life, Vivian, at The University
18 of Alabama, and they were married 57 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen served with much honor for two
20 years in the Department of Information Services with the
21 United States Air Force and continued his service with the Air
22 National Guard and Reserves until his retirement in 1979 as a
23 lieutenant colonel; and

24 WHEREAS, over the course of his remarkable career in
25 broadcast journalism, he served as morning disc jockey with

1 WSGN radio station and headlined the "Rollin' with Bolen"
2 show, co-anchored two daily newscasts while gathering news
3 with the help of a Polaroid camera and a tape recorder,
4 produced and hosted many news segments including a weekly
5 show, "Religion in the News," and served as the esteemed host
6 of "Good Day Alabama" while employed with Fox 6; Mr. Bolen let
7 his light shine for Christ through career opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, William
9 Ossian Bolen, Jr. (Patti), Mallory Bolen Whitaker (Dan),
10 Jennifer Bolen DuBose (Brent), and Sandra Bolen Ballard (Rob);
11 grandchildren, Kristin Leigh Bolen, William Kevin Bolen,
12 Daniel Taylor Whitaker (Maggie), Andrew Tucker Whitaker,
13 Mallory Evelyn Whitaker, Lina LaTaste DuBose, Lewis Brent
14 DuBose, Jr., Robert Henry Ballard, III, William Payton Ballard,
15 and Vivian Carlisle Ballard; and great-grandchildren, Jane
16 Caruthers Whitaker and Calvin Major Whitaker; brother-in-law,
17 James Homer Killebrew, Jr. (Gerry); and a host of nieces,
18 nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, whom he all loved
19 dearly; he was preceded in death by his parents; his loving
20 wife, Vivian Killebrew Bolen; his brothers, Joseph Benjamin
21 Bolen (Genevieve), Frank Seay Bolen (Francis); and infant
22 sister, Evelyn Marie Bolen; brother-in-law, Alfred Lamar
23 Killebrew; sisters-in-law, Elaine Killebrew Evans (Tom), and
24 Mildred Killebrew Worsham (Allen); and

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5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
7 Mr. William Ossian Bolen, Sr., we are extremely grateful for
8 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
9 tribute of his memory, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
10 family and friends.

