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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS J. LEE.
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5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
6 death on February 24, 2019, of Mr. Thomas J. "Jack" Lee of New
7 Market, Alabama, at the age of 83 years; and

8 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
9 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
10 where he was highly regarded; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was born on April 1, 1935, in
12 Wedowee, Alabama, to John Tom Lee and Virginia Hodnett Walker;
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14 WHEREAS, in 1958, he graduated from The University
15 of Alabama, receiving his Bachelor Degree in Aeronautical
16 Engineering; later, The University of Alabama-Huntsville,
17 awarded him with an Honorary Doctorate; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee held numerous positions throughout
19 his lifetime; in 1958, he was an Aeronautical Research
20 Engineer with the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency; in 1960,
21 he transferred to the Marshall Center, where he served as a
22 Systems Engineer with the Center's Centaur Resident Manager
23 Office in San Diego, California; from 1963 to 1965, he served
24 as Resident Project Manager for the Pegasus Meteoroid Detection
25 Satellite Project in Bladensburg, Maryland; from 1965 to 1969,

1 he served as Chief of the Center's Saturn Program Resident
2 Office at the Kennedy Space Center; from 1969 to 1973, he
3 served as an assistant to the Technical Deputy Director of
4 Marshall; in 1974, he became Program Manager of the Spacelab
5 Program Office, where he was responsible for NASA's work with
6 the European Space Agency in the development of Spacelab, a
7 multipurpose reusable laboratory for Earth orbital science
8 activities; in 1980, he served as the Deputy Director of
9 Marshall; from July 1989 to January 1994, he served as
10 Director of the NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in
11 Huntsville, Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1995, he retired, and co-founded LWI, an
13 engineering consulting firm; later, he founded Lee and
14 Associates, LLC, a systems engineering consulting firm, where
15 he served as President; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's record of community service is
17 extensive; he served as Chair for the Alabama Space Science
18 Exhibit Commission; as a board member for the Habitat for
19 Humanity; as President for the Sci-Quest Hands-On Science
20 Center; as past President for the National Space Club; as a
21 board member for the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of
22 Fame; as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club STRIVE
23 Program; and as a mentor for high school students; and

24 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jean Lee; son,
25 Ronald Kevin Lee (Denise); stepson, Patrick Jason Manning

1 (Kim); grandchildren, Sean Lee, Caitlin Lee Amsberry (Alex),
2 Megan Lee, Emily Manning, Samantha Camus, Ashley Camus, and
3 Matthew Laudano; and two great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
5 missed, the memory of Mr. Lee will be cherished in the hearts
6 of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Thomas J.
9 "Jack" Lee is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
10 is offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy
11 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

