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3 By Representative Carns
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 28-OCT-21

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JOE EDWARD FULLER.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on October 8, 2021, of Mr. Joe Edward "The Hawk" Fuller, at the age of 78; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller was born on June 29, 1943, in Huntsville, Alabama; he was adopted at birth by Joe Drennen Fuller and Nancy Irene White Fuller; after the passing of Joe Drennen Fuller, Walter Stead became Mr. Fuller's adopted stepfather; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller attended Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee, The University of Georgia at Warner Robins Air Force Base, and Samford University; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. Fuller joined the United States Air Force and served honorably until 1965, during which time he gained his nickname, "The Hawk," due to his precision on the rifle range; in 1968, he joined his stepfather at the

1 Walter Stead Agency, which became the Stead and Fuller Agency
2 in 1977 when Mr. Fuller became partner; in 2019, he partnered
3 with his son-in-law, CD Denson, and changed the name of the
4 agency to Stead, Denson, and Fuller Insurance, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller had a true passion for service
6 to his community and was an active leader in numerous civic,
7 professional, and political organizations and causes; he
8 served for two terms as President of the Birmingham Jaycees,
9 two terms as President of the City Sales Club, two terms as
10 President of the Mid-Alabama Republican Club, and two terms as
11 Chairman of the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce; some
12 of his other achievements included serving as Chairman of the
13 Jefferson County March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon; State and
14 National Director for the Alabama Independent Insurance Agents
15 Association; Past President of Professional Insurance Agents
16 of Alabama; Chairman of the Corridor X Task Force, where he
17 spearheaded the development and completion of the Memphis to
18 Birmingham interstate, now known as I-22; having a bridge
19 along the route at the Jefferson-Walker County line named in
20 his honor by the Alabama Legislature; and being named
21 President Emeritus for his 44 years of service to the
22 Birmingham City Sales Club, receiving the Alabama Independent
23 Insurance Agents Insuror of the Year Award in 2014 and having
24 the Joe E. "Hawk" Fuller Lawmaker of the Year Award/The Hawk
25 Award, an award that is bestowed annually in perpetuity to a
26 deserving legislator, created in his honor in 2021; also, he
27 served as a member of the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

1 Authority Board of Directors from January 31, 2019, until the
2 time of his death; and

3 WHEREAS, along with being passionate about serving
4 others and loving his family and friends endlessly, Mr. Fuller
5 was also devoted to Christ; and

6 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his adopted
7 father; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller is survived by his beloved wife
9 of 21 years, Vickie Evans Fuller; daughters, Lesleigh Fuller
10 Carmichael (Jamey), Lura Fuller Denson (CD), and Sydney Fuller
11 McDonough (Griffin); grandchildren, Anna Lauryn Carmichael,
12 Karaley Brooke Carmichael, Martha Mae Sara Denson, Jackson
13 Ryan McDonough, Fuller Barrow Denson, and Emma Claire
14 McDonough; half-brother, Lehman Stegall; half-sisters, Ada
15 Duos and Michelle Brown; and a host of dear friends; and

16 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
17 missed, the memory of Mr. Fuller will be cherished in the
18 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Joe Edward
21 "The Hawk" Fuller is recorded with deep sadness, and this
22 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
23 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
24 many.