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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ELBERT DAWSON, JR.

WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Elbert Dawson, Jr., on August 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was born December 24, 1946, in Roba, Alabama, to the late Elbert Dawson, Sr., and Lorine Chambliss Dawson; he confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Roba; and

WHEREAS, he met his wife and the love of his life, Theilene Fitzpatrick while attending South Macon High School in Roba, and they united in Holy Matrimony on December 27, 1967; their blissful union was blessed with two sons, Anthony C. (Tracy) Dawson and Michael Jerome (Gail) Dawson; and

WHEREAS, his credentials include Opelika Tech in Electronics, Alabama State Trooper Academy, Central Alabama College in Criminal Justice, and Accident Reconstruction-Northwestern training; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 including a tour in Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Dawson had the utmost distinction of being the first African American State Trooper

1 in the State of Alabama; over the course of his career, he
2 also served as the Sheriff of Macon County, Alabama, a police
3 officer for the Alabama Department of Youth Services, a
4 special investigator for the Alabama Board of Nursing, a
5 member of Job Corp. and the VictoryLand Police Department; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include his two sons; one sister,
7 Nellie (Eugene) Thomas; one brother-in-law, Eugene Martin; one
8 sister-in-law, Georgia Dawson; four grandchildren, Joshua
9 Ra-shad Dawson, Michael Jerome Dawson, Jr., and Malachi
10 Ja'Michael Dawson, and Kyle Anthony Dawson; two
11 step-grandchildren, Tyquan Daniel and Deon Daniel; one special
12 friend, Patricia Grant; and a host of nieces, nephews, and
13 other relatives and friends; he was preceded in death by his
14 brother, Jerry Dawson, and his two sisters, Vera Dawson
15 Patterson and Ida Dawson Martin; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was a valued member of the
17 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
18 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
19 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
22 Mr. Elbert Dawson, Jr., we are extremely grateful for his
23 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
24 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
25 his family and friends.

