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3 By Representative Wren
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RYAN LINDSAY PRINCE.

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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the untimely
11 passing of Ryan Lindsay Prince of Montgomery at the age of 24
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Ryan was born with a congenital disability
14 that defied prenatal diagnosis by numerous specialists; his
15 family, who understood the inherent value of every human life,
16 determined that he should have his own diagnosis, which they
17 termed "Ryan Prince Syndrome"; their unconditional love was
18 rewarded by the enduring joy that Ryan has given them; and

19 WHEREAS, refusing to allow his disability to
20 interfere with a full and vibrant lifestyle, Ryan was active
21 in church, school, and social activities; he was a member of
22 Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, where he participated
23 in Sunday School and other youth events, including camps and
24 retreats; he enjoyed volunteering at the Frazer welcome center
25 with his father, as well as assisting with the Youth Missions
26 Barbecue and helping to collect attendance notebooks for the
27 Children's Ministry; and

1 WHEREAS, under the auspices of the supportive
2 employment program at the Department of Mental Health, Ryan
3 held a part-time job delivering mail at the DMH central office
4 from 2005 until his passing on August 9, 2009; he bore the
5 distinction of being the first employee of a pilot project
6 focused on hiring individuals with significant disabilities;
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8 WHEREAS, Ryan attended Brewbaker Elementary School
9 and Jefferson Davis High School, where he participated in
10 every facet of student life; and

11 WHEREAS, Ryan and his family were instrumental in
12 the early stages of an advocacy movement that resulted in
13 increased awareness and funding for Alabama's Early
14 Intervention program and ultimately led to the inclusion of
15 associated activities in Alabama public schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Ryan's passing is a great loss to his
17 family and to the community; he left an indelible impression
18 on everyone who knew and loved him over the 24 years of his
19 remarkable and inspiring life; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Ryan Lindsay
22 Prince is hereby celebrated in this special tribute and we
23 direct that a copy of this resolution be delivered to his
24 family with our deepest gratitude and heartfelt condolences.