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3 By Representatives Warren, Drummond, Forte, Clarke, Jackson,
4 Chestnut, Lawrence, Hollis, Knight, Morrow, Daniels and
5 Blackshear
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE C. BANDY,
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11 WHEREAS, it is with a profound sense of sorrow and
12 loss that we note the sudden passing of our friend and
13 colleague, Representative George Bandy of Opelika, at the age
14 of 72 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Bandy, who was the Chair of
16 the Alabama House of Representatives' Lee County Committee and
17 served on House Committees on State Government and
18 Transportation, Utilities, and Infrastructure, is remembered
19 as a dedicated public servant who understood the problems and
20 aspirations of ordinary people; his jovial attitude and
21 friendly demeanor brought light to the lives of everyone who
22 knew and served with him; and

23 WHEREAS, prior to his 1994 election to the Alabama
24 House of Representatives, Representative Bandy had served as
25 one of the first two African Americans elected to the Opelika
26 City Council, where he earned a reputation as a hardworking
27 statesman who fought for the people he represented; he brought

1 that same determination to Montgomery in service to the
2 citizens of House District 83; he was particularly passionate
3 about education and tax reform and had given countless hours
4 of his personal time to the pursuit of securing funding and
5 resources to invest in education in Lee and Russell Counties,
6 as well as the entire State of Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta
8 with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Representative Bandy had
9 committed his life to service to the community and ensuring
10 everyone he represented had equal representation; during his
11 life, he served as President of the Lee County Concerned
12 Citizens, President Pro Tempore of the Opelika City Council
13 and as a member of the NAACP, Lee County Voters League, and
14 Lee County Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Bandy's private life was
16 marked by a similar love for the community and family; he
17 served as Pastor of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church in
18 Opelika; Jeter Street Park, which was renamed Bandy Park in
19 his honor for the work he did for the park as a young adult in
20 college when he worked for Opelika Parks and Recreation,
21 continues to thrive; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Bandy's passing is a
23 tremendous loss to his family, his district, and to the
24 members of this body who remember him as a kind and generous
25 man with a servant's heart and a fighter's spirit; we grieve
26 with his beloved wife, Barbara Ann Smith Bandy; daughter,
27 Jennifer Mitchell; sons, Eric Smith (Janice), George Bandy,

1 Jr. (Carmen); brothers, Jack Bandy, Sr. (Jacqueline) and Whithi
2 "Ben" Bandy; sisters, Mary Jo Bandy, Diane Holloway, Denise
3 Freeman, and Phyllis Thomas; brother-in-law, Paul Smith
4 (Charity); sisters-in-law, Gloria Smith Jackson (William) and
5 Helen Patrick; uncle, Paul Gibson (Mary); special cousins,
6 Horace Jackson and Gloria Tucker; 16 grandchildren; and a host
7 of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life and service of our
10 friend and colleague, the Honorable George Bandy, are hereby
11 celebrated in this special tribute and that, by copy of this
12 resolution, our heartfelt condolences are extended to his
13 family.