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3 By Representatives Jackson and Beech  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. BILLY DUFF.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of Mr. Billy Duff on February 19,  
12 2012, at the age of 61 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Duff leaves a void in the  
14 lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire  
15 community, where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born on October 26, 1950, in Choctaw  
17 County, Alabama, he was the second child of five born to Mrs.  
18 Bama Ann Duff Pugh; he became a Christian at an early age,  
19 joining Antioch Baptist Church in Bladon Spring, Alabama; in  
20 later years, he moved to Coffeeville, Alabama, where he  
21 attended Clarke County Training School and graduated from  
22 Coffeeville High School in 1972, after which he moved to  
23 Detroit, Michigan, to pursue career opportunities; and

24 WHEREAS, upon returning to Alabama in 1982, he was  
25 employed by the Clarke County Commission and worked as a  
26 Reserve with the Clarke County Sheriff's Department; in

1 addition, he was a dedicated volunteer with the Winn Fire  
2 Department until retiring in September 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a  
4 Trustee at Faith Tabernacle Church in Highland Park, Michigan,  
5 while residing there, and he was later ordained as a Deacon at  
6 Truelight Baptist Church in Kornton, Alabama; he subsequently  
7 joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a  
8 faithful Deacon and member of the choir; and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
10 wife of more than 36 years, Mary Duff; sister, Jessie Gould;  
11 brothers, Arthur Mitchell, Edward (Tawanda) Duff, and Troy  
12 Pugh; four aunts; one uncle; three sisters-in-law; two  
13 brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives,  
14 and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Duff was a valued member of the  
16 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
17 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who  
18 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Billy Duff  
21 is recorded with deepest sadness, and this resolution is  
22 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
23 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.