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3 By Representatives Knight, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
4 Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Blackshear, Boothe, Boyd, Bracy,
5 Brown, Buskey, Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,
6 Coleman, Collins, Crawford, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England,
7 Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
8 Gaston, Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison,
9 Harper, Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A), Holmes (M),
10 Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson
11 (R), Jones, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin,
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican,
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson,
14 Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren,
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD),
18 Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 04-MAY-16

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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR.
9 GREGORY T. GRAVES.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
12 note the lamentable death of Gregory T. Graves, a lifelong
13 educator and advocate for public education in the State of
14 Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Graves was born in Tuskegee, Alabama,
16 and reared in Macon County, earned Bachelor's and Master's
17 Degrees in Elementary Education, along with certification in
18 Educational Leadership from Auburn University at Montgomery,
19 and a juris doctor degree from the Thomas Goode Jones School
20 of Law; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Graves began his career as a teacher at
22 South Highlands Middle School in Bullock County, he served as
23 an interim assistant principal before being hired as assistant
24 principal, and, later, acting principal, at the Wallace School
25 for incarcerated juveniles with the Department of Youth
26 Services, Mt. Meigs, Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2005, he became the Legal Advisor to the
2 Associate Executive Secretary of the Alabama Education
3 Association in 2005 and became Associate Executive Secretary
4 in 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Graves was a tireless advocate for
6 public education, having seen its power to transform lives in
7 his service to "the least of these" in one of Alabama's most
8 economically challenged areas and in its correctional system;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he was constantly seeking ways to enhance
11 opportunities for the less fortunate in our state and to
12 defend against things that he believed to be detrimental to
13 Alabama's school children; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Graves is survived by his beloved wife,
15 Tara Outsey Graves and his daughter, Tai Jewel Graves; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Graves was a proud member of Phi Delta
17 Kappa Legal Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha
18 Fraternity, Incorporated, had recently served as Secretary of
19 the Alabama Democratic Party, and was a devoted fan of the
20 Auburn Tigers; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Gregory T.
23 Graves is recorded with deep sadness and even as we mourn his
24 tragic death and the loss it represents to the State of
25 Alabama, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is
26 offered in highest tribute to his live, along with the

1 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, whose grief is
2 shared by many.