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3 By Representative Drummond
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. DONALD ELI JACKSON.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 death on March 1, 2019, of Mr. Donald Eli Jackson of Mobile,
12 Alabama, at the age of 69 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born on November 16, 1949,
17 in Mobile, Alabama, to Annie Mary Jackson; and

18 WHEREAS, he became a follower of Christ at an early
19 age; he was a member of Truevine Baptist Church, and he
20 eventually converted to Catholicism and joined The Most Pure
21 Heart of Mary, where he served as an usher; he was also a
22 member of the Knights of Peter Claver, the American Legion,
23 Post 76, and The Original Dragons, Inc., where he served in
24 various roles; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson graduated from Central High
26 School in 1967; upon graduation, he began his career as a

1 Merchant Marine for Seafarers International Union; he enlisted
2 in the United States Navy on April 14, 1969; and

3 WHEREAS, after an honorable discharge, he attended
4 Southwest Technical College, graduating with a degree in
5 Electrical Engineering; later, he started his career with
6 Alabama Power Company; "Duck," as he was called by many at
7 Alabama Power Company, dedicated over 36 years to the company;
8 he loved his job and was highly committed to it; and

9 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother,
10 Annie Mary Jackson; and grandmother, Lorine Hayes-Taylor; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Mattie
12 Jackson; daughters, Donatta Jackson, Arica Smith (Robert),
13 Leslie Love, LaTasha Tucker (Craig), and Mariam Jackson;
14 sister, Constance Keith (John); grandchildren, Brendan
15 Jackson, Spencer Ruggs, III, Chase Love, III, Austin Smith,
16 Chandler Love, Ava Ndonga, Ellen Smith, Victor Summers, and
17 Riley Smith; special friends, Nathan Russell and Ambrose
18 Roberts; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and
19 friends; and

20 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
21 missed, the memory of Mr. Jackson will be cherished in the
22 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Donald Eli
25 Jackson is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
26 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
27 his family, whose grief is shared by many.

