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3 By Representative Wadsworth
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8 HONORING THE MEMORY OF RICHMOND PEARSON BROWN.

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10 WHEREAS, on the fourth day of May 2017, the Arley
11 United Methodist Church and the community of Arley, Alabama,
12 lost a dear friend and a valued member of their family in the
13 passing of Richmond Pearson Brown; and

14 WHEREAS, the Arley United Methodist Church and the
15 Arley community wish to recognize and honor Richmond's life
16 and legacy of public service; and

17 WHEREAS, Richmond was a lifelong giver of his time,
18 talent, and treasure to his country, his state, his family,
19 his community, and the track and field family, as well as to
20 those who were in need; and

21 WHEREAS, Richmond served his state as a vital member
22 and organizer of what continues today as the Azalea Run in
23 Mobile, Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Richmond was one of the devoted
25 participants in track and field as it evolved from the Amateur
26 Athletic Union (AAU) to The Athletic Congress USA (TAC) and
27 into what is now USA Track and Field; and

1 WHEREAS, Richmond, along with Rose Murphy and
2 Chandler Keller, formed Alabama USA Track and Field, a
3 domestic non-profit corporation in Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, Richmond was willing to perform any service
5 required of him to move the sport forward having served as an
6 Official, as Certification Chair, as Vice-President, as
7 President, and as coordinator in bringing the national USA
8 Track and Field Annual Meeting to Mobile, Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Richmond served the track and field world
10 by first officiating in 1960, becoming one of the first
11 nationally certified track and field officials in Alabama
12 alongside US Olympic and Auburn University Track and Field
13 Coach Mel Rosen, and continuing to officiate through the
14 National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships a few
15 years ago; and

16 WHEREAS, Richmond was acknowledged by the National
17 Governing Body for USA Track and Field with awards and
18 recognitions for his devoted service; and

19 WHEREAS, Richmond held a wealth of knowledge and
20 history of the sport and was willing to share his knowledge if
21 only one were to ask; and

22 WHEREAS, Richmond never forgot his roots by staying
23 active in the Alabama Association of USA Track and Field until
24 his health issues slowed him down; and

25 WHEREAS, Richmond was an asset to his church and
26 community; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we celebrate the life and
3 memory of Richmond Pearson Brown, founding member of the
4 Alabama Association of USA Track and Field, and express our
5 deep gratitude and appreciation for his selfless commitment.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That by copy of this
7 resolution, we express our heartfelt condolences to Richmond's
8 wife, Laura Brown, and the entire Brown family.