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11 Jackson, Johnson (A), Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W),
12 Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, McAdory, McCampbell,
13 McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican,
14 Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren,
15 Patterson, Payne, Polizos, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J),
16 Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Shiver, Standridge,
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR
9 JEREMIAH ANDREW DENTON, JR.
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11 WHEREAS, this state and the nation have lost a
12 giant; and

13 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature expresses its
14 profound sorrow at the death of former United States Senator
15 and Navy Rear Admiral (Ret.) Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr., on
16 March 28, 2014, a the age of 89 years; and

17 WHEREAS, born on July 15, 1924, in Mobile, Alabama,
18 Senator Denton received his diploma from McGill Institute in
19 1942 and graduated from the United States Naval Academy on
20 June 6, 1946, and married Kathryn Jane Maury that same day;
21 thereafter, he attended the Naval War College in Newport,
22 Rhode Island, and earned a Master's Degree in International
23 Relations from George Washington University in 1964; and

24 WHEREAS, gallantly serving this nation for more than
25 three decades in the Navy and retiring as a Rear Admiral in
26 1977, Senator Denton personified true bravery, loyalty,
27 leadership, and intelligence, when his Navy plane was shot

1 down by the enemy in July 1965 and he survived more than seven
2 years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan decorously
4 described Senator Denton's courage and self-sacrifice in his
5 1982 State of the Union Address by observing that, "We don't
6 have to turn to our history books for heroes. . . . They are
7 all around us."; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Denton continued his journey of
9 tireless service to this nation when he was elected to the
10 United States Senate as a Republican in 1980; a devout
11 Catholic, he quickly garnered a reputation as a fierce
12 defender of traditional family values; and

13 WHEREAS, further illustrating his altruistic
14 approach to those in need, another apex of Senator Denton's
15 six years of devoted service to Alabama in the United States
16 Senate was his sponsorship and passage of the Denton Program,
17 which enables charities to transport equipment, medical
18 supplies, and other items of humanitarian aid to other
19 countries on United States military planes and ships; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Denton's journey began in Alabama,
21 but the impact of his remarkable life has permeated this
22 nation and has reached the ends of the earth; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Jeremiah Andrew
25 Denton, Jr., a beloved Alabamian and a hero is deeply mourned
26 and his life of public service is noted with ultimate
27 gratitude; it is further directed that a copy of this

1 resolution be presented to his devoted family with sincere
2 sorrow for their great loss.