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3 By Representative McCampbell
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DEACON WILLIAM MARTIN TURNER.

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10 WHEREAS, the death of Deacon William Martin Turner
11 of Panola, Alabama, on May 5, 2013, is noted with great
12 sadness, while his 84 years of life and service are commended
13 and celebrated with respect and thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, he was dedicated to being his own man,
15 including building his own business as owner and president of
16 Turner's Logging Company and Rental Properties; he also served
17 as a member of the Sumter County Retired Educators Association
18 and a member of the Deacon Board for many years at Mt.
19 Pleasant Baptist Church in Panola; and

20 WHEREAS, born on September 4, 1928, in Panola, he
21 was educated at North Sumter High School and attended Alabama
22 A and M University in Huntsville; and

23 WHEREAS, Deacon Turner was known for being a friend
24 to everyone, and he benefited the entire Panola area; he was
25 an expert farmer and gardener who kept the Panola community
26 well furnished with fresh fruits and vegetables, and he was

1 also an avid huntsman who loved spending time with friends
2 during hunting season; and

3 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death and cherish
4 his life his devoted wife, Josephine Turner; daughter, Joan
5 Woodard; son-in-law, Jeff Woodard; daughter-in-law, Sheila
6 Turner; grandchildren, Jasmine Woodard, Jordan Woodard,
7 Jillian Woodard, Gabrielle Turner, and Krisina Turner;
8 sisters, Louise Anderson, Leone Washington, and Irene Joyner;
9 and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends;
10 preceding him in death were his parents, Isaac and Bertha
11 Turner; son, William Turner, Jr.; and sister, Mary C. Means;
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13 WHEREAS, the death of Deacon William Martin Turner
14 is a great loss for his family and countless friends
15 throughout the State of Alabama; he leaves behind an entire
16 community of fellow citizens who admired and respected him in
17 life and, while deeply grieved by his loss, will continue to
18 be inspired by his dedication and service; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Deacon William
21 Martin Turner is recorded with deepest regret, and this
22 resolution is offered in grateful appreciation for his
23 honorable and productive life along with profound sympathy to
24 his family.