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3 By Senators Taylor, Brewbaker and Fielding  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF SHERIFF SIDNEY THRASH, SR.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss  
11 that we record the death of a beloved and esteemed member of  
12 the extended family of the Alabama Senate, retired Sheriff  
13 Sidney Thrash, Sr., of Wetumpka, Alabama, on March 10, 2013,  
14 at the age of 81 years; and

15 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
16 his loving family and his many friends; and

17 WHEREAS, born on July 1, 1931, in Tallassee,  
18 Alabama, he served as Sheriff of Elmore County for 24 years;  
19 although he upheld the highest standards of law enforcement,  
20 he was considered a friend to those he served and protected,  
21 and the lives of many young people in Elmore County were  
22 positively impacted by his mentoring in times of crises; it is  
23 indeed a rarity for a dedicated, law-and-order sheriff to be  
24 considered an honorary uncle; and

25 WHEREAS, after retirement, he embarked upon a new  
26 career as a member of the state Senate Security team, where he  
27 continued to be known as Sheriff and was highly regarded for

1 his competence and commitment, serving from 1994-2007 and  
2 acquiring a new circle of friends and admirers; and

3 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his parents, Cecil  
4 and Eva Thrash; his baby sister; brothers, Cecil Thrash, Jr.,  
5 and Joe Thrash; and grandson, Shane Turner Thrash; and

6 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of 54  
7 years, Betty Cobb Thrash; children, Sid (Betty Ruth) Thrash,  
8 Leigh (Gene) Ray, and Anna Thrash; and grandchildren, Josh,  
9 Luke, and Kayla Thrash; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Thrash was a hardworking man of  
11 unquestioned integrity who blessed many lives; his  
12 contributions to Elmore County were immeasurable, and his  
13 service in the Alabama Senate was greatly valued; although his  
14 presence will be missed, his legacy will endure and his  
15 devotion to family and friends will be cherished in the hearts  
16 of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Sheriff Sidney  
19 Thrash, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
20 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with  
21 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
22 many.