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3 By Senators Waggoner, Barfoot, Elliott, Stutts, Chambliss,
4 Chesteen, Shelnuttt, Roberts, Sessions, Albritton, Livingston,
5 McClendon, Whatley, Reed, Marsh, Scofield, Givhan, Allen,
6 Jones, Melson, Orr, Butler, Price, Williams, Gudger,
7 Singleton, Smitherman, Beasley, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
8 Figures, Holley and Sanders-Fortier
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 03-FEB-21

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4 ENROLLED, SJR13,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER STATE SENATOR LARRY
6 DEAN DIXON.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
9 death on December 4, 2020, of former State Senator and
10 Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners,
11 Larry Dean Dixon, at the age of 78 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon was born in Oklahoma and grew
16 up in Prosser, Washington; after high school graduation and
17 three years of service in the United States Army, he returned
18 to Washington State University where he received his
19 undergraduate and graduate degrees; it was there he met his
20 wife of 53 years, Gaynell Kimbrough Dixon, and they decided to
21 return to her native state of Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon began his career of 35 years
23 of government service in Alabama at the Alabama State
24 Department of Education; he later became Executive Director of
25 the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in 1981 and served with

1 distinction until his retirement in 2016, at which time he was
2 honored with the renaming of their building, as the
3 Dixon-Parker Building; he served and was elected to the
4 following during his years of service: the Montgomery City
5 Council, the Alabama House of Representatives and lastly the
6 Alabama Senate; he was also included in the Alabama Health
7 Care Hall of Fame; he is remembered as a man of character who
8 fought for transparency and fiscal conservatism; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon also accomplished and was
10 honored at the national level as a four-term Board Member of
11 the United States Federation of State Medical Boards and as a
12 founder of Administrators in Medicine, which he served as the
13 first President and received a Lifetime Achievement Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon is survived by his loving
15 wife, Gaynell; daughters, Katherine Kimbrough Dixon Hert
16 (Chris), and Elizabeth Walker Dixon Allen (Grier);
17 grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth Hert, Christina Lucille Hert,
18 Elliott Grier Allen, Jr., and William Walker Dixon Allen;
19 brother, Charles Lee Dixon (Barbara); brother in law, William
20 Edwin Kimbrough (Anne); nephews, Jeffery Scott Dixon (Cathy),
21 Eric Dean Dixon (Mitchie), William Zachary Kimbrough (Nicole),
22 and niece, Melissa Anne Kimbrough Gunter (Tony); Senator Dixon
23 was preceded in death by his parents, Chelsey Lafayette and
24 Charlene Walker Dixon; and

1 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
2 missed, the memory of Senator Larry Dixon will be cherished in
3 the hearts of all who knew him; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of former State
6 Senator Larry Dean Dixon is recorded with deep sadness, and
7 this resolution offered in tribute to his life and with
8 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
9 many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 11-FEB-21

By: Senator Waggoner