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3 By Senator Keahey
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 07-FEB-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR16,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MAYOR BAILEY YELDING, JR.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
8 that we mourn the death of Mayor Bailey Yelding, Jr., of the
9 City of Daphne, on January 22, 2013, at the age of 72 years;
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11 WHEREAS, born on November 18, 1940, he was a
12 lifelong resident of his beloved hometown and a faithful
13 member and trustee of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church;
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15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Baldwin County Training
16 School and Alabama State University, he was a member of the
17 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Daphne Alumni Chapter; and

18 WHEREAS, his civic achievements included service for
19 10 years as a city councilman before being elected the first
20 Black mayor of the City of Daphne; he was an inspirational
21 leader and a consensus builder of significant accomplishment;
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23 WHEREAS, he had also been an effective
24 administrator, esteemed educator, and highly regarded coach
25 who impacted the future of countless youth, teaching life

1 lessons for success beyond the basketball court where he
2 compiled a 302-130 record for Fairhope High School and won the
3 Baldwin County Championship 10 times; and

4 WHEREAS, among his recognitions through the years,
5 he was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the Alabama
6 High School Athletic Association as well as the Fairhope High
7 School and the Baldwin County Coaches Halls of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, as testament to the esteem in which he was
9 held, the week of January 22-29 was proclaimed "Bailey Yelding
10 Week" by the Daphne City Council President; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Alaric
12 (Chanda) Yelding, Derrick Yelding, Erika Yelding (Darryl)
13 Ford, and Cedric (Phyllis) Yelding; five grandchildren; four
14 sisters; two brothers; and a number of other relatives; he was
15 predeceased by his devoted wife, Elizabeth Yelding; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Yelding was a valued member of the
17 community whose contributions were innumerable and
18 far-reaching; although his presence will be greatly missed,
19 his legacy will endure in the hearts of those who were
20 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mayor Bailey
23 Yelding, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
24 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with

1 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
2 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
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