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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Beasley, Blackwell, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 28-FEB-17

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4 ENROLLED, SJR36,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUSTICE D. SMYTH, III.

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7 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
8 to learn of the death of Justice "Jay" D. Smyth, III, of
9 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 10, 2017, at 62 years of age;
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11 WHEREAS, the passing of Justice D. Smyth, III,
12 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
13 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was born in Verdun,
15 France, on January 18, 1955; he received his undergraduate and
16 law degrees from The University Of Alabama, where he was
17 active in Student Government and Theta Chi Fraternity, a
18 member of JASONS Senior Men's Honorary, Sigma Delta Chi
19 Society of Professional Journalists, Beta Gamma Sigma National
20 Business Honorary, Delta Theta Phi Legal Honorary, and the
21 Group; and

22 WHEREAS, following graduation from law school in
23 1980, Justice D. Smyth, III, practiced law in Montgomery for
24 19 years before relocating to Tuscaloosa; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was respected by the
2 Bench and Bar in Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and throughout the
3 State of Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, the foundation for his life was his
5 unwavering faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; among
6 the verses that best exemplify his daily walk is Deuteronomy
7 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified
8 [of the adversaries] for the Lord your God goes with you"; and

9 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was preceded in
10 death by his mother Margaret "Peggy" Smyth and sister-in-law
11 Teresa "Sissy" Smyth; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of nearly 34
13 years, Rushan Goodson Smyth; sons, Justice (Morgan) Smyth and
14 Jeff (Robin) Smyth; father, J.D. "Buddy", Jr.; brothers, Mark
15 Smyth, David (Becky) Smyth, and Randy (Kathy) Smyth;
16 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jean and John Goodson;
17 nephews, Michael Smyth, Estes (Jessica) McLemore, Goodson
18 McLemore and Rann Smyth; nieces, Shanleigh Smyth (Patrick)
19 Walton, Courtney Smyth and Suzanne Smyth (Mitch) Green;
20 great-nephew, Patrick James Watson, Jr.; great-niece, Caroline
21 Harper Green; and "stand-in-grandchildren", Jonesy and
22 Macready Musgrove; and

23 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was a valued member
24 of the community; his presence is greatly missed and his

1 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who
2 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of Justice D.
5 Smyth, III, we are extremely grateful for his abundant life,
6 and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
7 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
8 family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 28-FEB-17
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-17

By: Senator Allen