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3 By Senators Dial, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,  
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, 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  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR90,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF HORACE SELLERS MERRILL.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 death on February 17, 2017, of Horace Sellers Merrill of  
9 Heflin, Alabama, at the age of 80 years; and

10 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
11 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
12 where he was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill was born on October 15, 1936,  
14 in Micaville, Alabama, to Emory Joseph Merrill and Grace Allen  
15 Merrill; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a 1954 graduate of Cleburne County  
17 High School; he attended Southern Union Junior College in  
18 Wadley, Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill served as Circuit Clerk of  
20 Cleburn County for 12 years and as Probate Judge and Chairman  
21 of the Cleburne County Commission for six years; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill , a faithful member of Heflin  
23 Baptist Church for more than 50 years, served as a Deacon,  
24 Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Church

1 Training Director, and Sanctuary Choir member and was pastor  
2 of several area churches; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of 53  
4 years, Mary Thompson Merrill; son, Alabama Secretary of State  
5 John Harold Merrill (Cindy); daughter, Audrey Merrill Gillis  
6 (Stephen); grandchildren, Pelham Brooks Merrill, Alexandra  
7 Grace Merrill, Mary Kathryn Gillis, and Sarah Sellers Gillis;  
8 sister, Doris Sue Belcher; and brother, Stanley Merrill (Sue);  
9 he was preceded in death by his parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill was a valued member of the  
11 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory is  
12 cherished in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him;  
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
15 ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Horace Sellers Merrill is  
16 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in  
17 tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family,  
18 whose grief is shared by many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

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By: Senator Dial