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8 RECOGNIZING TOMMY ED ROBERTS AND NAMING THE
9 ROBERTS-MITCHEM SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ROOM.

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11 WHEREAS, our friend and former colleague, the late
12 Tommy Ed Roberts was a lifelong Hartselle resident; he
13 graduated from Hartselle High School and ably represented
14 Morgan, Limestone, and Madison Counties in the state
15 Legislature for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Roberts graduated from Jacksonville
17 State University and later served in the US Army Reserve and
18 the Alabama National Guard; and

19 WHEREAS, first elected to the House of
20 Representatives in 1974, Tommy Ed Roberts served two terms;
21 and following a 12-year break, he was elected to the Senate in
22 1994, where he served until 2006; and

23 WHEREAS, during his long tenure in the Legislature,
24 Senator Roberts served on Senate Rules; Finance and Taxation
25 Education; Constitution, Campaign, Finance, Ethics, and
26 Elections; Industrial Development and Recruitment Committees;

1 and chaired the Business and Labor; Governmental Affairs;
2 Agriculture Committees; and

3 WHEREAS, from 1980 to 2001, Tommy Ed Roberts was
4 President and CEO of Morgan County Economic Development
5 Association; he was at the forefront of fostering a climate of
6 economic growth and prosperity in North Alabama for several
7 decades, during which time period, numerous industries flocked
8 to the region investing \$4.7 billion and creating 14,742 jobs;
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10 WHEREAS, he was the recipient of major recognitions
11 and awards including Decatur Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow,
12 Hartselle Chamber of Commerce John J. Sparkman Citizenship
13 Award, American Economic Development Council Certified
14 Industrial/Economic Developer, Business Council of Alabama
15 1995 Outstanding Freshman Senator, 2000 Alabama Rural Electric
16 Association of Cooperatives State Senator of the Year, and
17 Congressional Record recognition by the 105th Congress for his
18 help in bringing Boeing Company's rocket plant to Decatur; and

19 WHEREAS, we remember fondly our friend and mentor,
20 who passed away March 1, 2014; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
22 ALABAMA, That we recognize and honor our late friend and
23 colleague, Senator Tommy Ed Roberts, for his life and
24 outstanding legislative service to this institution.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby name the
26 Senate Agriculture Committee Room the Roberts-Mitchem Senate
27 Committee Room.

