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3 By Senators Erwin, French, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield,
4 Bishop, Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh, Means,
6 Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman and Waggoner
8 RFD:
9 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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4 ENROLLED, SJR1,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF OFFICER PHILIP MAHAN DAVIS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss
8 that news is received of the tragic death of Police Officer
9 Philip Mahan Davis of Alabaster, Alabama, on December 4, 2009,
10 at the age of 33 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Davis was killed in the line of
12 duty while protecting the lives of the citizens he had served
13 with selfless dedication since joining the Pelham Police
14 Department in 2005; his funeral service was attended by 1,000
15 fellow law enforcement officials who held him in great esteem;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, born January 7, 1976, in Tuscaloosa, he
18 attended Lipscomb University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in
19 Criminal Justice from The University of Alabama in 2000 and a
20 Master's Degree from Faulkner University in 2005; he was also
21 a graduate of the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center;
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23 WHEREAS, Officer Davis was a Field Training Officer
24 and an Evidence Technician for the City of Pelham; he was a
25 member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Police

1 Benevolent Association; he held numerous advanced instructor
2 certifications and used his qualifications to train fellow
3 officers, along with teaching Criminal Justice at Herzing
4 College and ITT Institute; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Davis was a devoted husband and
6 father, played the trumpet, and loved music, traveling, and
7 reading; in addition, he was a loyal fan of the Crimson Tide
8 and Pittsburgh Steelers; and

9 WHEREAS, well-known for his honor, compassion, and
10 devout faith, Officer Davis was considered a minister of God
11 with a badge; he was a member of the Riverchase Church of
12 Christ and had been a longtime member of Central Church of
13 Christ in Tuscaloosa; and

14 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
15 and loving wife, Paula Reeves Davis; two beautiful children,
16 Sarah Katelyn and John Archimedes; mother, Barbara Davis;
17 parents-in-law, Don and Faye Reeves; brothers, Michael
18 (Vickie) Davis and Conner (Amy) Davis; sister, Rachel (John)
19 Gould; sisters-in-law, Susan (Mario) Moncada and Joy (Robby)
20 Bryson; and a number of additional relatives; preceding him in
21 death was his father, Willard F. Davis; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Davis personified the finest
23 qualities of the valiant public servants who courageously and
24 selflessly dedicate their lives to the protection of their
25 fellow citizens; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Officer
3 Philip Mahan Davis is recorded with deep sadness, and this
4 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him along with
5 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family and all those he
6 leaves bereft.

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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.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 14-JAN-10

By: Senator Erwin