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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  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF OFFICER PHILIP MAHAN DAVIS.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, born January 7, 1976, in Tuscaloosa, he  
21 attended Lipscomb University and earned a Bachelor's Degree in  
22 Criminal Justice from The University of Alabama in 2000 and a  
23 Master's Degree from Faulkner University in 2005; he was also  
24 a graduate of the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center;  
25 and

1           WHEREAS, Officer Davis was a Field Training Officer  
2 and an Evidence Technician for the City of Pelham; he was a  
3 member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Police  
4 Benevolent Association; he held numerous advanced instructor  
5 certifications and used his qualifications to train fellow  
6 officers, along with teaching Criminal Justice at Herzing  
7 College and ITT Institute; and

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

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

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

25           WHEREAS, Officer Davis personified the finest  
26 qualities of the valiant public servants who courageously and

1 selflessly dedicate their lives to the protection of their  
2 fellow citizens; now therefore,

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