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3 By Senators Taylor, Fielding and Brewbaker  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR119,

5 MOURNING THE DEATHS AND HONORING THE SURVIVORS OF  
6 THE TORNADO OUTBREAK IN ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the most recent tornado  
9 outbreak, we pause from our legislative deliberations to mourn  
10 the victims and honor the people of Elmore County and the  
11 State of Alabama, who continue to display unimaginable courage  
12 and resilience as they count the casualties and survey the  
13 damage; and

14 WHEREAS, with the human cost mounting, homes  
15 destroyed, and buildings obliterated, we turned on our  
16 television sets for an update, and there we inevitably found a  
17 storm-ravaged Alabamian, standing amid the wreckage, and  
18 telling an interviewer: "We are truly blessed" or "We lost  
19 everything, but we still have our family" or "We will find a  
20 way to survive this"; and

21 WHEREAS, never did we hear one of these victims ask:  
22 "Why me?"; and

23 WHEREAS, then we watched neighbors and strangers  
24 finding ways to help, and the shattered communities began to  
25 coalesce, offering a measure of consolation; and

1           WHEREAS, we can not bring back the fallen, except to  
2 keep them in our hearts, those loved ones of varying ages who  
3 did not survive, including one preschool child; and

4           WHEREAS, in Elmore County we mourn the deaths of two  
5 sisters, Alice Lee and Rebecca Woodall; a mother and daughter,  
6 Martha Myers and Melissa "Missy" Gantt; and Candice Abernathy,  
7 with her five-year-old daughter, Tammy Abernathy; and

8           WHEREAS, in the midst of our grief, we pay homage to  
9 the values of faith, family, and community as integral parts  
10 of our lives, sustaining us through our darkest hours; now  
11 therefore,

12           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we mourn the deaths of our  
14 beloved Elmore County neighbors and convey heartfelt sympathy  
15 to their families, along with prayerful concern for the  
16 injured who remain in peril.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we proudly commend the  
18 indomitable spirit of the people of Elmore County and the  
19 State of Alabama, as volunteers and donors step forth to begin  
20 the process of rebuilding.

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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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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Taylor