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3 By Senator Bedford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATHS OF THE TORNADO VICTIMS IN
9 FRANKLIN COUNTY ON APRIL 27, 2011.

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11 WHEREAS, with heavy hearts and an overwhelming sense
12 of loss, we mourn the deaths of our friends, neighbors, and
13 relatives in Franklin County as a result of the devastating
14 tornado outbreak on April 27, 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, these tragic deaths eviscerated our
16 community, depriving us of young lives full of promise as well
17 as active citizens in the prime of life and the elderly whose
18 legacy is already well established but whose presence was
19 cherished; and

20 WHEREAS, it is impossible to catalogue or even to
21 know the far-reaching contributions of those we lost, the
22 impact they had on Franklin County, the great State of
23 Alabama, and our wonderful country; we can only say what they
24 meant to us, as individuals, day-by-day; and

25 WHEREAS, we humbly list and recognize these
26 outstanding citizens of highest caliber who are lost to us
27 except in memory, and we promise to honor them by being more

1 compassionate, more considerate of one another, more involved
2 in the community, and more celebratory of all that is
3 worthwhile in the lives of those of us for whom each day is a
4 godly gift; and

5 WHEREAS, in East Franklin: Donald Ray Heaps, 48;
6 Kelli Thorn Morgan, 24; and Michael Morgan, 32; and

7 WHEREAS, in Double Springs, Donna Renee Berry, 52;
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9 WHEREAS, in Phil Campbell: Nila Black, 68; Zan Reese
10 Black, 45; Jeffrey Dewight Cotham, 35; Jack Cox, 78; Charlene
11 Crochet, 41; Donnie Gentry, 63; Patricia Ann Gentry, 50;
12 Lester William Hood, 81; James Robert Keller, Jr., 67; Linda
13 Faye Knight, 57; Rickey Ethan Knox, 10; Amy LeClere, 33; Jay
14 W. LeClere, 45; Dagmar Leyden, 56; Edna Lucille Bradley Nix,
15 89; Martha Lou Pace, 64; Claudia I. Mojica, 38; Edgar Mojica,
16 9; Georgia Schribner, 83; Jack E. Tenhaeff, 67; Sonya Black
17 Trapp, 47; Carroll Dean "C.D." Waller, 76; and Gerri Waller,
18 64; and

19 WHEREAS, in the midst of our grief, we pay homage to
20 the values of faith, family, and community as integral parts
21 of our lives, sustaining us through our darkest hours; now
22 therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with infinite sorrow, we
25 record the deaths of our beloved Franklin County neighbors,
26 and this resolution is offered in tribute to their lives,
27 along with heartfelt sympathy to their families.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request that the
2 Franklin County Commission place this official resolution in
3 an appropriate location in the Franklin County Courthouse.