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3 By Senators Dial, Waggoner, Bedford, Allen, Beasley, Beason,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley,
8 and Williams
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF CAROL JEAN SMITH.

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10 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature expresses its
11 profound sorrow at the death of former Assistant Attorney
12 General Carol Jean Smith of Montgomery, and Anniston, Alabama,
13 on March 20, 2011, at the age of 63 years; and

14 WHEREAS, born October 12, 1947, to the late Hester
15 Ledbetter and Claudous Smith, Ms. Smith graduated from
16 Jacksonville State University and from The University of
17 Alabama School of Law; although Ms. Smith received numerous
18 honors and awards during her lifetime, she most treasured
19 being named Jacksonville State University Alumna of the Year
20 and being elected as District 8 Vice President of The
21 University of Alabama Alumna Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith's life was one of achievement,
23 service, and compassion; she accepted the trust inherent in
24 public service and zealously safeguarded that trust for over
25 thirty years while serving under eight Attorneys General; Ms.
26 Smith served as legal counsel to a succession of state

1 officers in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches
2 of government; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was the State's leading expert in
4 the fields of municipal and county government law; she was
5 well-known for her diligent efforts on behalf of many and
6 willingly assisted a multitude of government leaders and
7 officials in carrying out their duties to the citizens in
8 their communities and throughout the State of Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her sister,
10 Claudette Smith; brother-in-law, Jim Hanson; and many friends
11 throughout Alabama who received her wise and calm counsel in
12 government matters for over 30 years; and

13 WHEREAS, having served the people of Alabama for
14 more than three decades, Ms. Smith's illustrious record
15 reflects a lawyer and public servant more comfortable with
16 protecting Alabama's interests than in seeking power or
17 pushing a particular issue or cause; known to be only a phone
18 call away, she earned the admiration and respect of all those
19 with whom she was associated during her successful and
20 rewarding career; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of a beloved
23 Alabamian and public servant, Carol Jean Smith, is deeply
24 mourned and her life of service is hereby recognized with
25 sincere sorrow in this great loss.