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3 By Senators Taylor, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Waggoner, Ward,
8 Whatley and Williams
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8 MOURNING THE DEATHS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TORNADO IN
9 THE BOONE'S CHAPEL COMMUNITY AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THEIR
10 SURVIVORS.

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12 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
13 receive news of the tragic deaths of three Alabamians when
14 their home was destroyed in a devastating thunderstorm and
15 probable tornado during the evening hours of April 15, 2011;
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17 WHEREAS, the victims were Onnie Willard Hollon, Jr.,
18 age 69; his son, Steven Hollon, 41; and his daughter, Cheryl
19 Hollon Mitchell, 38; the family members were in side-by-side
20 mobile homes in the Boone's Chapel community of Autauga
21 County; Onnie Hollon's wife was hospitalized with severe
22 injuries; and

23 WHEREAS, Boone's Chapel Baptist Church was also
24 destroyed, and several homes in the area were demolished or
25 heavily damaged; and

26 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the tragedy, the
27 congregation of Boone's Chapel Baptist Church, along with

1 residents of the community, demonstrated extraordinary
2 faithfulness in adversity as they came together with
3 indomitable spirit to begin a process of healing and
4 rebuilding, and we take great pride in the courage with which
5 they faced this catastrophe; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with infinite sorrow, we mourn
8 the deaths of Onnie Willard Hollon, Jr., Steven Hollon, and
9 Cheryl Hollon Mitchell, and this resolution is offered in
10 highest tribute to their lives, along with heartfelt sympathy
11 to their survivors.