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3 By Representative Sanderford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STEVE FINNELL.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. Steve Finnell of Huntsville, Alabama,
12 on March 24, 2012, at the age of 65 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Finnell leaves a void in
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
15 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
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17 WHEREAS, he began his career in economic development
18 in the 1970's with the Huntsville Industrial Expansion
19 Committee (HIEC), that later changed to the Industrial
20 Development Association (IDA), which at that time were sister
21 organizations to the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison
22 County; after spending the initial years of his career in
23 Huntsville and later in Selma, he worked in economic
24 development in Louisiana before returning to Huntsville in
25 1989; then he served as Director of Industrial Development for
26 the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce; in April 2011, he retired
27 as Economic Development Director with the Chamber; and

1 WHEREAS, he had a strong work ethic, a keen sense of
2 teamwork, and a selfless demeanor; with much dedication, he
3 was committed to his community and the companies he worked
4 with and engaged elected leaders and economic development
5 allies in his projects; he served as secretary to the
6 Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville; he was
7 also a highly devoted family man; and

8 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
9 missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds
10 of those who were fortunate to know him; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his daughter, Leslie
12 (Phil) Scalf; sons, Bill (Lauren) Finnell and Wes Finnell;
13 sister, Sydney (Jackie) Cummings; brother, Woolsey (Linda)
14 Finnell, III; grandchildren, Wyatt, Shelley, and Abby; and
15 other relatives; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Steve Finnell
18 is recorded with deep sadness, and it is directed that his
19 family receive a copy of this resolution, which is offered in
20 highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to
21 his grieving family.