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3 By Representative Warren
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES CLARENCE SMITH.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. James Clarence Smith on November 20,
12 2011, at the age of 61 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. James Clarence Smith
14 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, his many
15 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly
16 regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, born on December 15, 1949, he was the son
18 of Robert Lee and Izora Bennett Smith and the fifth of ten
19 children; at an early age, he became active in church and was
20 a member of Butler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church; when he was
21 young, he participated in Sunday School and other youth
22 activities; he was educated in the Macon County school system;
23 he earned an Associate Degree of Law Enforcement Technology
24 from Southern Vocational College; he worked with the Tuskegee
25 Police Department and Macon County Sheriff Department; he also
26 served as Chief of Police for the Macon County Greyhound Park;
27 and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include one son, James C. Smith,
2 Jr.; three daughters, Dawn Nicole Smith, Tonya Macon, and
3 Erica Cook; three brothers, Frank (Pollye) Richardson, Rev.
4 Lonnie L. (Carol) Smith, and Eddie Smith; five sisters,
5 Catherine (Peter) Balogan, Luella (Solomon) Knight, Dorothy
6 (Marion) Quinn, Elnora (Eric) Love, Mary (Christopher)
7 Haygood; sister-in-law, Vera Williams Smith; five
8 grandchildren, Ladarius Smith, Akelia Smith, Jaden Jackson,
9 Jordan Davis, and Madison Gamble; two aunts, Doris Comer and
10 Essie B. Adams; special friend, Sandra Hurry; and a host of
11 nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends; he
12 was preceded in death by his mother and father, Robert and
13 Izora Smith; and three brothers, Alpha Smith, John Smith, and
14 Robert Smith; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a valued member of the
16 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
17 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
18 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. James
21 Clarence Smith is recorded with deep sadness, and this
22 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along
23 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.