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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JEFFREY KEITH ATKINS.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 receive news of the death of Mr. Jeffrey "Jeff" Keith Atkins
12 of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 27, 2012, at the age of 48
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the untimely death of Mr. Atkins leaves a
15 void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and
16 in the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, born in 1963 in West Point, Mississippi, he
18 was a graduate of The University of Alabama and was a member
19 of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; his distinguished career
20 included working for Liberty National and as an Insurance
21 Executive with Wells Fargo Financial Services, where he
22 received many honors and awards; in his spare time, he was an
23 avid golfer, loved playing the drums, and was an enthusiastic
24 fan of Alabama football and Tuscaloosa Academy sports; and

25 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a
26 founding member and Elder at North River Church and served as
27 the Director of Operations for PraiseFest Ministries; he was

1 also the president of Tentholders for Tabernacle Campground
2 and contributed generously of his time, abilities, and
3 resources to various ministries, working without recognition
4 behind the scenes to do whatever necessary for these
5 ministries to maximize their efforts in reaching people with
6 the Gospel; and

7 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Tammy Diane
8 Brown Atkins; daughters, Haley Katherine Atkins and Lindsey
9 Nicole Atkins; parents, Bobby Joe Atkins and Mary Elizabeth
10 Fields Atkins; and sister, Michelle Atkins Lovelady; and

11 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his maternal
12 grandparents, Richard Fields and Sallie Mae Lawrence Fields,
13 and paternal grandparents, Clayton and Erline Atkins; and

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

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the untimely death of Mr.
21 Jeffrey Keith Atkins is recorded with deep sadness, and this
22 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
23 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
24 many.