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WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we receive news of the death of Hunter Charles Helms of Montgomery, Alabama, on May 4, 2012, eight days before his 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the untimely death of Mr. Helms leaves a void in the lives of his loving family and his many friends, and is especially mourned in the halls of the State House, where his parents, Randy and Lisa Helms, are highly regarded and his mother is a longtime, valued employee of the Alabama Senate, a mainstay of the daily operations; and

WHEREAS, born on May 12, 1992, Hunter Charles
Helms, affectionately known as "Fish," was a compassionate
and devoted son, grandson, brother, and friend; he was a
graduate of Macon East Academy; his final year of life was
full of growth experiences in Tuscaloosa, where he was a
student at Shelton State Community College, and he spent his
final weekend turkey hunting with his hero, his father; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Mary Hayden Helms; grandparents, Ralph and Ludie Helms and Penelope Banton; aunts, Jane (Marty) Langan and Becky (Jerry) Cleveland; uncles, Cope Lawrence and Dr. H. Stan Banton, III; and special cousins and "Beach Crew": Joel and Kellie Lawrence, Erin and Leah Langan, Rachel and Jacob Cleveland, Rob Banton, and Julie

1 Agan; he was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, H.S. Banton, Jr., and "Third Granddaddy," Joel Lawrence; and 2 WHEREAS, words cannot express the sorrow 3 experienced with the loss of this promising young man who was so beloved, but it is hoped that the recollection of his 5 6 vibrant life will be of some comfort to those who were 7 blessed by his brief earthly voyage, leaving memories that will be forever treasured; now therefore, 8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 9 10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Hunter 11 Charles Helms is recorded with immeasurable sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along 12 13 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared 14 by many.