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3 By Senators Allen, Singleton, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley, and
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES A. HOOD, PH.D.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 mourn the death of James A. Hood, Ph.D., on January 17, 2013,
12 at the age of 70 years; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1963, with awe-inspiring courage, he was
14 one of the first Black students to integrate The University of
15 Alabama, and he went on to live a life of exceptional
16 accomplishment; in 2010, the University held ceremonies
17 dedicating a Plaza and Clock Tower in honor of Dr. Hood and
18 the late Vivian Malone-Jones, the other student credited with
19 breaking down the barriers of segregation despite the climate
20 of violence which pervaded that turbulent era; and

21 WHEREAS, as a young man growing up in Gadsden,
22 Alabama, he planned a career in the ministry, and his
23 divergence into the field of education was a further
24 reflection of his commitment to serving mankind; his long and
25 distinguished career focused on community-college education,
26 and he earned respect for his exceptional abilities and
27 tireless dedication; Dr. Hood retired in 2002 as Chairman of

1 the Police Science Program of the Madison Area Technical
2 College in Wisconsin; and

3 WHEREAS, his academic credentials included a
4 Master's Degree from Michigan State University and a
5 Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State University in Detroit,
6 where he transferred after the stress at UA threatened his
7 well-being; more than three decades later, he returned to
8 Alabama's flagship university and earned a Doctorate in Higher
9 Education, specializing in Interdisciplinary Studies; and

10 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death two daughters,
11 Mary Hood and Jacquelyn Hood-Duncan; three sons, Darrell Hood,
12 Anthony Hood, and Marvis Hood; two brothers, Eddie Hood and
13 Arthur Hood; three sisters, Brenda Marshall, Ramona Thomas,
14 and Patricia Tuck; nine grandchildren; and a legion of
15 admirers in Alabama and far beyond; and

16 WHEREAS, the inspirational life of James A. Hood,
17 Ph.D., stands a testament to the ideals of America; he
18 personified a commitment to excellence, perseverance, and
19 integrity, and added to these attributes a concern for his
20 fellowman that extended to his forgiveness for those who
21 sought long ago to deny him the blessings of our great nation;
22 now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of James A. Hood,
25 Ph.D., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
26 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
27 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

