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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley
8 and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR115,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. PHILLIP W. WILLIAMS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
8 that we mourn the death of Dr. Phillip W. Williams of
9 Huntsville, Alabama, on April 12, 2013, at the age of 73
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a highly esteemed member of the
12 extended family of the Alabama Senate, and news of his passing
13 was received with profound sorrow in the State House and
14 beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, born on November 1, 1939, in Birmingham, he
16 earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and Physics
17 in 1961 from what is now the University of North Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, soon after graduation, he entered the
19 United States Army as a Second Lieutenant, serving first in
20 Korea and remaining in service for more than 20 years,
21 including two tours of duty in Vietnam, first as an advisor to
22 a Vietnamese Infantry Battalion and then with the 11th Armored
23 Cavalry Regiment as a Provisional Squadron Commander and later
24 Deputy Commander; and

1 WHEREAS, he graduated from a number of United States
2 Army and Defense Schools including the National Defense
3 College and the prestigious Project Management Course at the
4 Defense Systems Management College; while in service, he also
5 completed two Master's Degrees and a Doctorate in Management
6 and Public Administration, and he served as Project Manager
7 for developing systems in the Army; and

8 WHEREAS, following his military service, Dr.
9 Williams founded, operated, and then sold a communications
10 company, then a securities broker/dealer firm, and
11 subsequently embarked upon a career in consulting with the
12 defense industry and business community; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as the Finance Director for the
14 State of Alabama, 1995-1996, a Trustee at the University of
15 North Alabama, and a Director of the UNA Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, among his roles of civic leadership, Dr.
17 Williams held numerous key positions with the Rotary Club at
18 the local, state, national, and international levels; and

19 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was
20 actively involved in Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 25 years,
23 Ramsey Williams; sons, State Senator Phillip W. (Charlene)
24 Williams, Jr., and Christopher Neil (Sa) Williams; stepsons,
25 Charles Randall (Becky) Plott, Marion "Mickey" Dwight (Cam)

1 Plott, and Reverend William Bradley (Lauren) Plott; brother,
2 Louie A. Williams; 13 cherished grandchildren; and numerous
3 other relatives, friends, and admirers; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Williams served his country with honor,
5 the State of Alabama with distinction, and his church and
6 community with dedication; although his presence will be
7 missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts of those
8 who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. Phillip W.
11 Williams is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
12 offered in highest tribute to his life and with heartfelt
13 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 20-MAY-13

By: Senator Waggoner