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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, soon after graduation, he entered the  
22 United States Army as a Second Lieutenant, serving first in  
23 Korea and remaining in service for more than 20 years,  
24 including two tours of duty in Vietnam, first as an advisor to  
25 a Vietnamese Infantry Battalion and then with the 11th Armored  
26 Cavalry Regiment as a Provisional Squadron Commander and later  
27 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)  
26 Plott, and Reverend William Bradley (Lauren) Plott; brother,

1 Louie A. Williams; 13 cherished grandchildren; and numerous  
2 other relatives, friends, and admirers; and

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

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