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3 By Representative Wren  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL WILLIAM RAYMOND BEAN.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss  
11 that we mourn the death of Colonel William Raymond "Ray" Bean  
12 of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 70  
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
15 his loving family and his many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1943, in Alexander  
17 City, Alabama, he graduated high school in Wetumpka and  
18 attended Auburn University, earning a Degree in Agricultural  
19 Economics and being actively involved in many university  
20 programs such as the Student Government Association, Theta Chi  
21 Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa; and

22 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the  
23 United States Air Force as a navigator, stationed in many  
24 locations including Vietnam, where he became a Prisoner of War  
25 on May 23, 1972; upon his release after ten months, he  
26 attended Pilot Training School in Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was the recipient of a number  
2 of well-deserved medals and decorations, including the  
3 Distinguished Flying Cross Citation for professional  
4 competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty; and

5           WHEREAS, after an exemplary 30-year career that took  
6 him all over the globe, his final assignment with the Air  
7 Force brought him and his family to Maxwell Air Force Base; he  
8 later retired and joined the Civil Air Patrol, serving as  
9 Director of Cadet Programs for nine years; and

10           WHEREAS, in retirement, he enjoyed golf, Auburn  
11 University football, traveling, fishing, weekly Bible study,  
12 and volunteering at the Alabama Department of Archives and  
13 History in Montgomery; and

14           WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 37  
15 years, Mindy Rodgers Bean; daughter and son-in-law, Peyton and  
16 Tyler Turner; granddaughter, Olivia; brothers, Paul, Al, and  
17 David; and sister, Cindy; and

18           WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was a valued member of the  
19 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
20 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were  
21 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

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

