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3 By Representative Knight  
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8 MOURNING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF JUSTON GERROD MARTIN.

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10 WHEREAS, greeted with great sadness and regret is  
11 news of the death of Juston Gerrod Martin at the young age of  
12 22; and

13 WHEREAS, the untimely death of Juston leaves a void  
14 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
15 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born May 3, 1991, in Montgomery, Alabama,  
17 he was the beloved son of Jesse and Katrina (Spooney) Martin,  
18 Jr.; a published poet, he graduated from Montgomery Catholic  
19 Preparatory High School in 2009; he was a senior at The  
20 University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where he was majoring in  
21 International Business and was a candidate for membership into  
22 the Eta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity  
23 Incorporated; he was scheduled to graduate from UA in May  
24 2014; and

25 WHEREAS, Juston joined the Air National Guard as a  
26 Reservist in November 2010; he often shared stories of his

1 travels, which included trips to Spain, Alaska, and New  
2 Orleans; and

3 WHEREAS, Juston accepted Christ as his Savior at the  
4 age of four and was a faithful member of Hutchinson Missionary  
5 Baptist Church; he attended Sunday School, Youth Bible Study,  
6 and served as a Youth Usher and as a diligent participant in  
7 Hutchinson youth programs and activities; he attended  
8 Hutchinson to fellowship with his church family on visits  
9 home; an organ donor, Juston continues to give as his organs  
10 have extended lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Juston leaves to cherish his memory and  
12 love for life; parents; sister, Kaitlyn G. Martin;  
13 grandparents, Bernice Hooks Martin (Jesse G. Martin, Sr.,  
14 deceased), Joe C. (Mary Ann) Barganier, Betty Carter (Henry  
15 Carter, Jr., deceased), and Jimmy (Lorraine) Bailey; aunts and  
16 uncles, Nancy (James) Webster, Corinthia Spooney (deceased),  
17 Joe C. (Patricia) Spooney, Jr., Femala Spooney, Claudia  
18 Spooney, Christopher (Melissa) Carter, Derick Carter, Fredrick  
19 Carter, Sabrina (Ervin) White, Talese Martin, Charlotte  
20 Martin, Beondrige Martin, Nicole Gore, Jimmy (Rhonda) Bailey,  
21 Jr., Denise (Mickey) Sankey, Tammy Riggins, Windy Bailey, and  
22 Kisha Bailey; special cousins, Rosemary White, Demonika Smith,  
23 Jeremy White, Jalen Spooney, and Larry Webb; a host of great  
24 aunts, great uncles, cousins, and friends; most notably, his  
25 friends from Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School (2009),  
26 University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, and 187th Fighter  
27 Wing-Dannelly Field; and

1                   WHEREAS, the premature and devastating loss of this  
2 fine young man, whose life was filled with expectation and  
3 promise, is an unspeakable tragedy; he was a valued member of  
4 the community; although he is greatly missed, his memory will  
5 be cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
6 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on behalf of the citizens of  
9 the State of Alabama, the life and inspiring legacy of Juston  
10 Gerrod Martin is honored as a gift of love and blessing while  
11 his death is deeply and sorrowfully mourned; devout sympathy  
12 is extended to his parents, family, and friends, for whom a  
13 copy of this resolution is offered.