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3 By Representative Burdine
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. LARRY NELSON.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Dr. Larry Nelson of Florence,
12 Alabama, on January 14, 2014, at the age of 69 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson was a highly regarded educator
16 who began teaching at the University of North Alabama in 1985;
17 through the years, he touched many lives as a wonderful,
18 God-fearing man who led by example; and

19 WHEREAS, he taught United States History, United
20 States Constitutional History, Recent United States History,
21 History of the South, and History of Religion; and

22 WHEREAS, "Good history is intellectual history," he
23 maintained; and

24 WHEREAS, he began every class by declaring, "It's a
25 beautiful day here at the University of North Alabama"; and

1 WHEREAS, his impact stretched far beyond the
2 classroom; he led Bible studies, attended most school
3 functions, and counseled any student in need of guidance; and

4 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Verlie Nelson;
5 son, Pete Nelson; daughter, Julia Nelson Strickland; and three
6 grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, he was an inspirational and valued member
8 of the community; although his presence will be greatly
9 missed, his legacy will endure and his memory will be
10 cherished in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know
11 him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Larry Nelson
14 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered
15 in highest tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
16 his family, whose grief is shared by many.