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8 RECOGNIZING HINTON MITCHEM AND NAMING THE
9 ROBERTS-MITCHEM SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ROOM.

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11 WHEREAS, our friend and former colleague, the late
12 Hinton Mitchem, of Albertville, Alabama, served in the Alabama
13 Legislature for 36 years, serving in both the House of
14 Representatives and the Senate; even before that service, he
15 served the public in the United States Coast Guard, and on the
16 City of Albertville City Council; and

17 WHEREAS, during his long tenure in the Legislature,
18 Hinton Mitchem chaired the Confirmations Committee, and served
19 on other Senate committees including; Agriculture, Finance and
20 Taxation General Fund, Rules, and Veterans and Military
21 Affairs; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem also served as President
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate from 2007 until 2009; he was
24 appointed by Governor Fob James as Chairman of the Alabama
25 Governor's Commission on Physical Education, where he served
26 for 28 years; he also served as Chairman of the Alabama
27 Special Olympics for 18 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem graduated from the
2 University of Georgia; he owned Hinton Mitchem Tractor Co.,
3 Inc., from 1965 until 2005; he was married to Judy Corley, was
4 the father of four children, and the grandfather to three
5 grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, known for his ability to reach across
7 political lines, Senator Mitchem ably served Senate District
8 9, representing citizens in the Counties of Marshall, Blount,
9 Madison, and DeKalb; he was loved by many and his selfless
10 public service record is to be honored and remembered; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Mitchem retired from the Senate in
12 2010 and in 2011, was stricken with two conditions,
13 Alzheimer's and ALS; we remember fondly our friend and mentor,
14 who passed away on January 22, 2013; now therefore

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
16 ALABAMA, That we recognize and honor the memory and long-time
17 public service of our late friend and colleague Senator Hinton
18 Mitchem.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby name the
20 Senate Agriculture Committee Room the Roberts-Mitchem Senate
21 Agriculture Committee Room.