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3 By Representatives Knight and McClammy
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF LORENZA PATRICK.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
11 receive news of the death of Lorenza Patrick of Montgomery,
12 Alabama; and

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

16 WHEREAS, an ardent supporter of entrepreneurship and
17 education, Mr. Patrick dutifully served as the Director of
18 Small Business Development Center located in the College of
19 Business Administration on the campus of Alabama State
20 University, assisting numerous individuals with business
21 start-ups and expansion in Autauga, Bullock, Elmore, Lowndes,
22 Montgomery, Tallapoosa, Coosa, and Macon Counties; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick individually counseled more
24 than 2,600 clients providing more than 8,000 hours of
25 one-on-one service and assistance to facilitate the creation
26 of more than 174 businesses; he also served as the director of
27 the Alabama State University SBDC Procurement Technical

1 Assistance Center, where he was instrumental in providing
2 resources that aided in securing more than \$166 million
3 contract dollars for local businesses; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to his service with the SBDC, Mr.
5 Patrick served as the Admission Recruiter for Alabama State
6 University for three years and also served as an adjunct
7 college professor in the fields of marketing, entrepreneur
8 pursuits, and management; Mr. Patrick also was the founding
9 member of Associate Managers, Inc., a nonprofit organization
10 whose principal mission is scholarship fundraising for HBCUs;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick held a Bachelor of Science
13 Degree in Chemistry from Alabama State University and a Master
14 of Business Administration from Troy State University; he was
15 a certified NxLevel Entrepreneurial Instructor, Economic
16 Development Finance Professional, and Professional Business
17 Counselor; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his numerous contributions
19 to education and the business community, Mr. Patrick served on
20 numerous committees of the community, was a member, Trustee,
21 and Deacon at Beulah Baptist Church in Montgomery, was an avid
22 golfer, and was a devoted family man; and

23 WHEREAS, Lorenza Patrick was a valued member of the
24 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory
25 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
26 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Lorenza Patrick
3 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered
4 in tribute to his life and contributions to the business
5 community and education, along with heartfelt sympathy to his
6 grieving family.