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3 By Representatives Bracy, Buskey, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker,  
4 Ball, Bandy, Beckman, Beech, Black, Boothe, Boyd, Brown,  
5 Butler, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse, Coleman-Evans,  
6 Collins, Daniels, Davis, Drake, Drummond, England, Farley,  
7 Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett, Gaston,  
8 Givan, Greer, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Hanes, Harbison, Harper,  
9 Henry, Hill (J), Hill (M), Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard,  
10 Hubbard, Hurst, Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R),  
11 Jones, Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Martin,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican,  
13 Mooney, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson,  
14 Pettus, Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,  
15 Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,  
16 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wadsworth, Warren,  
17 Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (D),  
18 Williams (JD), Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
9 WILLIAM CLARK.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life of former Alabama  
13 State Representative William "Bill" Clark of Prichard,  
14 Alabama, whose passing on May 22, 2015, has left a void not  
15 only in his community but in the entire state, where he will  
16 be remembered as an inspiration to the countless numbers whose  
17 lives he touched; and

18 WHEREAS, a 1957 graduate of Mobile County Training  
19 School, he was active in its National Alumni Association and  
20 had served as President and Vice President; he had degrees  
21 from Dillard University, Tuskegee University, and Alabama  
22 State University and did further study at The University of  
23 Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Clark served 26 years in the  
25 Alabama House of Representatives for District 98 from 1980  
26 through 2006; he served two terms as Vice Chair of the Alabama  
27 Legislative Black Caucus, and also served as Chair of the

1 Congressional District 1 of the Alabama Democratic Conference,  
2 and as Chair of the Board of Commissioners in the Alabama  
3 Legislature for eight years; and

4 WHEREAS, truly a public servant whose contributions  
5 to our state are immeasurable, Representative Clark taught  
6 high school chemistry, physics, and mathematics; he had also  
7 served as a principal and athletic coach in middle school, and  
8 was a realtor; through the years, he received numerous  
9 well-deserved honors and recognitions; and

10 WHEREAS, held in fond regard by members, staff, and  
11 others in the legislative community, his civic contributions  
12 and public service are notable; Representative Clark was a  
13 mentor to many and he held a constant and commendable desire  
14 to improve state government and the lives of all Alabamians;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, a man of consistency, character, courage,  
17 and conscience, Representative Clark left his mark in a  
18 genuine and gracious manner; true to his character, he served  
19 his people fairly and fully with dignity, dedication, and  
20 distinction; and

21 WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of  
22 Representative Clark are his devoted wife, Hattie G. Clark;  
23 two sons, William Clark and Reginald Clark; other devoted  
24 family members, and a host of friends; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Clark earned the admiration  
26 and respect of all those with whom he was associated during  
27 his successful and rewarding career; although his presence

1 will be greatly missed, his memory will be cherished in the  
2 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now  
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That even as we mourn the death of  
6 our friend and colleague, Representative Bill Clark, we  
7 celebrate his life, dedication, and commitment to preserving  
8 the state's heritage and to improving the quality of life for  
9 all Alabamians. This resolution is offered in highest tribute  
10 to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family,  
11 whose grief is shared by many.