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3 By Senators Scofield, Waggoner, Albritton, Allen, Beasley,
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders,
7 Sanford, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts, Ward,
8 Whatley and Williams
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4 ENROLLED, SJR100,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SIDNEY LEIGHTON MCDONALD.

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7 WHEREAS, we note the death of our friend and former
8 colleague, Mr. Sidney Leighton McDonald on Friday, May 15,
9 2015, with deep sadness and regret; his invaluable life of 76
10 years is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. McDonald leaves a void
12 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the
13 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was born May 18, 1938, as
15 God's blessing to the blissful union of L.D. and Marie Oliver
16 McDonald; he was educated in the Arab Public School System and
17 graduated from The University of Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, with tireless dedication and an unwavering
19 commitment to excellence, Mr. McDonald reflected immense
20 credit upon the entire State of Alabama while serving as a
21 State Representative and State Senator from Marshall County,
22 as State Finance Director, and President Pro Tempore of The
23 University of Alabama System Board of Trustees; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald provided expert guidance and
25 leadership as President of the Brindlee Mountain Telephone

1 Company for much of his life; he later founded DeltaCom Long
2 Distance Services, Inc., and served as Chairman of the Board
3 of Intergraph Corporation; his passion for golf culminated in
4 his founding of Cherokee Ridge Country Club and his dedication
5 to its growth and success; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald generously gave to the
7 community and led a number of civic and charitable
8 organizations throughout his life in Arab, Alabama; he was
9 staunchly committed to the promotion of good government;
10 playing the piano was one of his great passions; personable
11 and self-effacing, he prized time spent with his friends, to
12 whom he was fiercely loyal; he was a beloved and devoted
13 husband and affectionate father and grandfather whose pride in
14 his family was boundless; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include his lovely wife, Jane;
16 children, Foster McDonald (Ginney), Kelly McDonald Thomas
17 (David), Wes McDonald (Natalie); grandchildren, Matthew,
18 Oliver, and Drew McDonald, Burnham and Sydney Hawk, Quinn
19 Wesley McDonald; stepchildren, Judge Liles Burke (Natalie),
20 and Ashley Burke Spethman (Milo); and step-grandchildren,
21 David Ernest Thomas, III, Mary Margaret, Madeline, and Milo
22 Spethman, II, and Camilla Jane and Claud Liles Burke, II; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was a valued member of the
24 state; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory is

1 cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
2 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
5 Mr. Sidney Leighton McDonald, we are extremely grateful for
6 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
7 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
8 sympathy to his family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 03-JUN-15

By: Senator Scofield