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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,  
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8 Whatley, and Williams  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SIDNEY LEIGHTON MCDONALD.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of our friend and former  
11 colleague, Mr. Sidney Leighton McDonald on Friday, May 15,  
12 2015, with deep sadness and regret; his invaluable life of 76  
13 years is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

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

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

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

1           WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald provided expert guidance and  
2 leadership as President of the Brindlee Mountain Telephone  
3 Company for much of his life; he later founded DeltaCom Long  
4 Distance Services, Inc., and served as Chairman of the Board  
5 of Intergraph Corporation; his passion for golf culminated in  
6 his founding of Cherokee Ridge Country Club and his dedication  
7 to its growth and success; and

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

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

25           WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was a valued member of the  
26 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.