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3 By Representative Grimsley  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.  
9 WADE C. MORRISON.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
12 to learn of the passing of Mr. Wade C. Morrison, and we uplift  
13 his inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and  
14 respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was a legendary high school  
19 basketball coach, remarkable educator, and a pillar of the  
20 community whose influence touched countless lives; many had  
21 the privilege of calling him coach, mentor, and friend; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison earned widespread admiration  
23 and respect while serving as Head Basketball Coach at Carver  
24 High School, Carver Junior High School, and Dothan High School  
25 and accumulated an extraordinary career record of 587-127; a  
26 great leader, he had a gift of bringing out the best in all of

1 his players; he believed in all of his players and fostered a  
2 strong work ethic and fighting spirit within them; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was inducted into the  
4 Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame in 1998; after his retirement in  
5 1985, he served as President of the local NAACP Chapter and  
6 served as an advocate for local education issues as well; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison continued to work with players  
8 on the recreational level and led two Dothan teams to state  
9 titles in Alabama Recreation and Park Association tournaments;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was the accomplished son of  
12 Emanuel and Naomi Morrison; he was married to Mrs. Florence  
13 Morrison, and their union was blessed with five children,  
14 Linda, Brenda, Wade, Jr., Paul, and Rheutelia Morrison, 10  
15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; he was a  
16 faithful and devoted member of St. Peter Baptist Church in  
17 Abbeville, Alabama, where he served as Deacon and a member of  
18 the choir; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison earned his Bachelor of Science  
20 Degree from Alabama State University and his Master's Degree  
21 from Troy State University; he was a member of the United  
22 States Armed Service and Army Special Service; through the  
23 years, he earned many accolades for his unwavering commitment  
24 to excellence; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was a valued member of the  
26 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory

1 is 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
5 Mr. Wade C. Morrison, we are extremely grateful for his  
6 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
7 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family  
8 and friends.