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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 GEORGE E. CURRY.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of George E. Curry,
13 whose passing on August 20, 2016, at the age of 69 years, left
14 a void in the lives of his loving family and friends; he will
15 be remembered as an inspiration to the countless numbers whose
16 lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mr. Curry
18 graduated from Druid High School and earned a degree from
19 Knoxville College; he began his professional journalism career
20 as the second black reporter for Sports Illustrated magazine;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry founded the St. Louis Minority
23 Journalism Workshop, a training program for aspiring high
24 school journalists; he joined The Chicago Tribune in 1983 and
25 is best known for his editorship of Emerge Magazine from 1993
26 to 2000; during his tenure with Emerge, the magazine received
27 more than 40 journalism awards; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry was among the journalists who
2 founded the Greater St. Louis Association of Black
3 Journalists; in 2003, Mr. Curry was named Journalist of the
4 Year by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ);
5 he is also on the NABJ's list of Most Influential Black
6 Journalists of the 20th Century; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry is survived by his sister,
8 Charlotte Purvis; son, Edward Curry; granddaughter, Neyah
9 Curry; and a host of family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, his passion for life will be remembered
11 fondly; Mr. Curry was a valued member of the community and was
12 loved by many; his presence will be greatly missed and his
13 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
14 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of George E. Curry
17 is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn his death,
18 we also celebrate his life; this resolution is offered in
19 highest tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family
20 and friends, whose grief is shared by many.