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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF  
9 FORMER ALABAMA CHIEF JUSTICE PERRY OLIVER HOOPER, SR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we  
12 note the lamentable death of Perry Oliver Hooper, Sr., a  
13 native of Montgomery, Alabama, on April 24, 2016, at the age  
14 of 91 years; he was a faithful member of the First United  
15 Methodist Church of Montgomery; he was elected Chief Justice  
16 of the Alabama Supreme Court on November 8, 1994, and was the  
17 first Republican in Alabama history to be elected chief  
18 justice; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper was born in  
20 Birmingham, Alabama, and served with pride in the United  
21 States Marine Corps; he attended Birmingham-Southern College  
22 and the University of Alabama; Chief Justice Hooper served as  
23 the first elected Republican probate judge of Montgomery  
24 County; he was elected in January 1965 and reelected in 1970;  
25 he was elected as Circuit Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit  
26 in 1974 and served there until his retirement in 1983; and

1           WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper was an active member  
2 of the National Center for State Courts, the Association of  
3 Chief Justices, the National Center for State Courts, the  
4 Association of Chief Justices, the Republican National  
5 Committeeman for Alabama, he served as chair of the Rules  
6 Committee, and chair of the Alabama Judicial System Study  
7 Commission, the Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council,  
8 the Alabama Judicial System Planning Committee, and the  
9 Alabama Unified Judicial System Legislative Coordinating  
10 Council; and

11           WHEREAS, Chief Justice Hooper received the  
12 prestigious Annual Thomas Goode Jones School of Law Mediation  
13 Award and the Howell Heflin Award; and

14           WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 63 years,  
15 Marilyn Yost Hooper; children, Perry Hooper, Jr.; Walter  
16 Hooper; Conwell Hooper; and John Hooper; a host of relatives  
17 including, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces,  
18 nephews, and cousins, and a multitude of former coworkers and  
19 friends; now therefore,

20           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Perry Oliver  
22 Hooper, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we  
23 mourn his death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution  
24 is offered in highest tribute to his life, along with  
25 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends, whose grief is  
26 shared by many.