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8 ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST GOVERNOR BENTLEY.

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10 WHEREAS, in 2010, Governor Bentley was elected the
11 53rd Governor of the State of Alabama and was reelected to a
12 second term in 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 173 of the Constitution of Alabama
14 of 1901 provides that the Governor and other constitutional
15 officers of this state may be impeached upon the adoption of
16 articles of impeachment by this body and upon trial by the
17 Senate, acting as a court of impeachment; and

18 WHEREAS, two formal complaints have been filed with
19 the Alabama Ethics Commission to determine whether Governor
20 Bentley violated state ethics laws by misusing state property;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of the gravity of the
23 adoption of these articles of impeachment and upon findings
24 that Governor Bentley has violated the public trust, this body
25 concludes Governor Bentley should be impeached for cause; now
26 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Governor Bentley is impeached
3 for cause and that the following articles of impeachment,
4 based upon the findings in this resolution, be transmitted to
5 the Senate for trial as provided in Section 173 of the
6 Constitution of Alabama of 1901:

7 ARTICLE I.

8 Willful Neglect of Duty.

9 Credible evidence exists to create probable cause to
10 believe that, in his conduct while Governor of the State of
11 Alabama, he willfully neglected his duty as Governor by
12 failing to faithfully execute the laws of this state and by
13 refusing to perform his constitutional and statutory duties.

14 ARTICLE II.

15 Corruption in Office.

16 Credible evidence exists to create probable cause to
17 believe that, in his conduct while Governor of the State of
18 Alabama, he unlawfully misused state property, misappropriated
19 state resources, and consistently acted in violation of law to
20 promote his own personal agenda.