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4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KEVIN
9 TURNER.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 mourn the death, yet celebrate the life, of Kevin Turner of
13 Prattville, Alabama, whose passing on March 24, 2015, at the
14 age of 46 years, left a void in the lives of his loving family
15 and friends; he will be remembered as an inspiration to the
16 countless number of people whose lives he touched; and

17 WHEREAS, Turner graduated from Prattville High
18 School and was the starting fullback for the Lions first state
19 championship in 1984; he then played for the University of
20 Alabama from 1987 until 1992 when he was drafted by the New
21 England Patriots; and

22 WHEREAS, Turner had an eight-year career in the
23 National Football League; he left the New England Patriots to
24 join the Philadelphia Eagles, where he was awarded the Ed
25 Block Courage Award, for select players voted by their
26 teammates as role models for inspiration, sportsmanship, and
27 courage; and

1 WHEREAS, in June 2010, Turner was diagnosed with
2 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly called Lou
3 Gehrig's Disease, a progressive disease that affects nerve
4 cells in the brain and spinal cord; and

5 WHEREAS, an amazing person, father, and example to
6 others, Turner enjoyed giving to others and his community; he
7 founded the Kevin Turner Foundation to raise awareness and
8 research funds for ALS and invested in the Kevin Turner Golf
9 Benefit which raises money for the Coach a Child Scholarship
10 Fund at the Prattville YMCA, where Turner honed his athletic
11 skills as a youngster; and

12 WHEREAS, Turner is survived by his parents, Raymond
13 and Myra Turner; his former wife and three children; and a
14 host of family, fellow athletes, fans, and special friends;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, his passion for life will be remembered
17 fondly; Mr. Turner was a valued member of the community and
18 was loved by many; his presence will be greatly missed and his
19 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
20 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

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