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3 By Representatives Mooney, Fridy and Farley  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ZODIE MCCALL.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 25, 2017, of Mr. Zodie McCall of Helena,  
12 Alabama, at the age 80 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
15 where he was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Zodie McCall grew up in a family of 18  
17 siblings and graduated from Wenonah High School; and

18 WHEREAS, after graduation he lived in Bessemer  
19 before moving to Helena where, in 1972, he made history by  
20 becoming the first African American police officer in Shelby  
21 County when he was hired by the Helena Police Department; and

22 WHEREAS, during his career, he was a convenience  
23 store owner, served 29 years with the Shelby County Board of  
24 Education as a bus driver, and worked at the local Winn Dixie;  
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. McCall was a devout Christian and  
27 faithful member of Kingwood Church, Alabaster, Alabama; and

1                   WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife, Amelia  
2 Hampton McCall; children, Sam Paige, Winfred McCall (Angel),  
3 Demetria Billings (David), Sharon Murph (David), Lakesha Pate,  
4 and Deon Taylor (Ardie); step-daughter, Terri Hampton;  
5 siblings, Jim and Susie Taylor; Dave, Algeray, and Anthony  
6 McCall; Dovie White; Barbara and Maxine Young; Clevann  
7 Blackstone; Gwen Battle; and Leona Lawrence; and

8                   WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
9 missed, the legacy of Mr. Zodie McCall, will be cherished in  
10 the hearts of all who were fortunate to love him, know him, or  
11 be served by him; now therefore,

12                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Zodie McCall  
14 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered  
15 in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his  
16 family, whose grief is shared by many.