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3 By Senators Waggoner, Marsh, Dial, Orr, Blackwell, Smitherman,
4 Coleman-Madison, Pittman, Albritton, Ward, Stutts, Allen,
5 Beasley, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Dunn, Figures, Glover,
6 Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, McClendon, Melson,
7 Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield, Shelnuttt, Singleton,
8 Smith, Whatley and Williams
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF
9 FORMER ALABAMA GOVERNOR ALBERT BREWER.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow and regret that we
12 note the lamentable death of former Governor Albert Preston
13 Brewer, on January 2, 2017, at the age of 88 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Brewer received his undergraduate
15 and law degrees from The University of Alabama; he served in
16 the Alabama House of Representatives from 1954 through 1966,
17 including serving as Speaker of the House from 1963 through
18 1966; he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1966 and became
19 Governor in 1968 following the death of Governor Lurleen
20 Wallace; and

21 WHEREAS, a devoted member of Mountain Brook Baptist
22 Church, Governor Brewer taught a men's Sunday School Class and
23 served in numerous positions, including as a life deacon and
24 as a trustee; he was loyal to God and his family and served
25 the citizens of Alabama with distinction; and

26 WHEREAS, Governor Brewer joined Samford University
27 in 1987 as a Distinguished Professor of Law and Government

1 teaching in Samford's College of Arts and Sciences and
2 Cumberland School of Law; he served three terms as trustee at
3 Samford and served terms as vice-chair and chair of the
4 executive committee; and

5 WHEREAS, among many initiatives credited to Governor
6 Brewer during his lifetime of public service are the creation
7 of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Education
8 Study Commission, the Alabama Development Office, the state
9 motor pool, and the Public Affairs Research Council of
10 Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Brewer's life set a standard for
12 integrity and professionalism in public service to which all
13 public servants can aspire; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Brewer was preceded in death by
15 Martha Farmer Brewer, his beloved wife of 56 years; and
16 daughter Becky Cooper; he is survived by daughter, Alison
17 Calhoun; sons-in-law, James Cooper, Jr., and Mark F. Calhoun;
18 grandchildren, Mary Martha (Andrew) Knowlton, Katie Calhoun
19 (Geoff) Johnson, and James Preston (Lauren) Cooper;
20 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann Cooper, McClain Knowlton,
21 Mary Austin Knowlton, Anne Yates Knowlton, and Charles Brewer
22 Johnson; a host of other relatives, a multitude of former
23 coworkers, students, and friends; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Governor Albert
26 P. Brewer is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
27 his death, we also celebrate his life; this resolution is

1 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
2 sympathy to his family and friends, whose grief is shared by
3 many.