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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Beasley, Blackwell, Brewbaker,
4 Bussman, Chambliss, 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
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 28-FEB-17

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUSTICE D. SMYTH, III.

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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
11 to learn of the death of Justice "Jay" D. Smyth, III, of
12 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 10, 2017, at 62 years of age;
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14 WHEREAS, the passing of Justice D. Smyth, III,
15 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
16 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was born in Verdun,
18 France, on January 18, 1955; he received his undergraduate and
19 law degrees from The University Of Alabama, where he was
20 active in Student Government and Theta Chi Fraternity, a
21 member of JASONS Senior Men's Honorary, Sigma Delta Chi
22 Society of Professional Journalists, Beta Gamma Sigma National
23 Business Honorary, Delta Theta Phi Legal Honorary, and the
24 Group; and

25 WHEREAS, following graduation from law school in
26 1980, Justice D. Smyth, III, practiced law in Montgomery for
27 19 years before relocating to Tuscaloosa; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was respected by the
2 Bench and Bar in Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and throughout the
3 State of Alabama; and

4 WHEREAS, the foundation for his life was his
5 unwavering faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; among
6 the verses that best exemplify his daily walk is Deuteronomy
7 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified
8 [of the adversaries] for the Lord your God goes with you"; and

9 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was preceded in
10 death by his mother Margaret "Peggy" Smyth and sister-in-law
11 Teresa "Sissy" Smyth; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of nearly 34
13 years, Rushan Goodson Smyth; sons, Justice (Morgan) Smyth and
14 Jeff (Robin) Smyth; father, J.D. "Buddy", Jr.; brothers, Mark
15 Smyth, David (Becky) Smyth, and Randy (Kathy) Smyth;
16 mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jean and John Goodson;
17 nephews, Michael Smyth, Estes (Jessica) McLemore, Goodson
18 McLemore and Rann Smyth; nieces, Shanleigh Smyth (Patrick)
19 Walton, Courtney Smyth and Suzanne Smyth (Mitch) Green;
20 great-nephew, Patrick James Watson, Jr.; great-niece, Caroline
21 Harper Green; and "stand-in-grandchildren", Jonesy and
22 Macready Musgrove; and

23 WHEREAS, Justice D. Smyth, III, was a valued member
24 of the community; his presence is greatly missed and his
25 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who
26 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of Justice D.
3 Smyth, III, we are extremely grateful for his abundant life,
4 and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
5 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
6 family and friends.