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3 By Representative Kiel
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MAYOR
9 BILLY SHOEMAKER.

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11 WHEREAS, Billy Shoemaker graduated from Russellville
12 High School and then attended The University of Alabama School
13 of Civil Engineering; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated employee of the Alabama
15 Department of Transportation for 40 years and retired as the
16 Division Engineer of the Second Division; and

17 WHEREAS, he was recognized by the Alabama Department
18 of Transportation for his outstanding contribution to the
19 department's Equal Employment Opportunities and was awarded a
20 National Special Commendation for increased opportunities for
21 minorities in the Second Division; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the recipient of a Heritage
23 Preservation Award from the Alabama Department of
24 Transportation for his contributions to the relocation of the
25 Maud Lindsey Kindergarten, the oldest free kindergarten in the
26 State of Alabama; and

1 WHEREAS, he received the bronze award from the
2 United Way for outstanding service to the people of the
3 community and a certificate of appreciation for unselfish and
4 significant contribution to the Alabama Management Improvement
5 Program, and he served as President of the Alabama Retired
6 State Employees Association; and

7 WHEREAS, he was elected to three terms as Mayor of
8 Tuscumbia, Alabama, and while serving in that capacity, he
9 oversaw the restoration and renovation of the former United
10 States Post Office Building for the Tuscumbia City Hall with
11 numerous other contributions to the development and
12 revitalization of the city; and rightfully recognizing his
13 outstanding leadership in the city, he was twice elected the
14 Tuscumbia Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, he was honored by the Winfield, Alabama,
16 Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to that community
17 while working there on a highway project; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his local service, he
19 dutifully served the state with 12 years in the Alabama
20 National Guard; and

21 WHEREAS, his memory and service to the City of
22 Tuscumbia have been honored by having a portion of Highway 72
23 in Tuscumbia, beginning at the intersection of Old Lee
24 Highway, MP 21.4, to 1,300 feet east of the US 43
25 intersection, MP 28, being named The Billy Shoemaker Highway;
26 now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 ALABAMA, That the death of Mayor Billy Shoemaker is recorded
3 with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute
4 to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family.