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3 By Senators Livingston, Scofield, Givhan, Allen, Price,  
4 McClendon, Gudger, Barfoot, Albritton, Stutts, Butler, Holley,  
5 Williams, Chambliss, Melson, Sessions, Elliott, Waggoner,  
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8 COMMENDING THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS  
9 ACTIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, at 12:40 a.m., a call  
12 was received by the Jackson County 911 Center regarding a fire  
13 at the Jackson County Park Marina in Scottsboro, Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, the Scottsboro Fire Department, the  
15 Scottsboro/Jackson County Rescue Squad, the Scottsboro Police  
16 Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Highlands EMS,  
17 and the Jackson County EMA responded to the scene; and

18 WHEREAS, after arriving on the scene, finding heavy  
19 fire conditions and persons trapped, the first responders  
20 called for additional resources, including dive teams from the  
21 Guntersville Fire Department and Union Rescue Squad in  
22 Marshall County; and

23 WHEREAS, all of the organizations on the scene  
24 bravely worked together as a team attempting to save those who  
25 were entrapped and to extinguish the fire; despite their  
26 courageous actions eight lives were lost which resulted in one

1 of the most tragic fire events in our state in the past 50  
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, without the valiant efforts of the first  
4 responders who rescued seven victims, many more would have  
5 perished; and

6 WHEREAS, state and federal organizations, the  
7 Jackson County community, and private businesses have joined  
8 together to provide support and assist with the cleanup,  
9 investigation, and local recovery during and following this  
10 horrific event; and

11 WHEREAS, the dedication, courage, professionalism,  
12 and self-sacrifice of the firefighters, paramedics, police,  
13 sheriff's deputies, dive teams, and others who responded in  
14 this emergency helped relieve suffering and possibly save  
15 lives during this tragedy; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend  
18 all of those first responders and others for their brave  
19 actions, selfless acts of service, and compassion to help  
20 their fellow citizens during this difficult time.