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3 By Senators Waggoner and Allen
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4 ENROLLED, SJR8,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ELMER B. HARRIS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death on December 23, 2019, of Mr. Elmer B. Harris, at the age
9 of 80; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was born in Clanton, Alabama, to
14 Lera Mae Mitchell and Alton C. Harris; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris attended Auburn University,
16 where he earned two degrees in Electrical Engineering and a
17 Master's Degree in Business Administration; later, he returned
18 to Auburn University and served on the Auburn Foundation Board
19 and the Alumni Board; later, throughout the years, he earned
20 several Honorary Doctorate Degrees from other universities;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris made numerous accomplishments
23 during his successful career; he worked at Georgia Power,
24 where he was responsible for getting Vogel Nuclear Plant
25 online; Alabama Power, where he began his career as a co-op

1 student and progressed through the ranks to Chairman and Chief
2 Executive Officer; and the utilities' parent corporation, the
3 Southern Company, where his career spanned a total of 44
4 years; some of his other accomplishments during his lifetime
5 included helping create Alabama's automotive industry by
6 assisting in the recruitment of Mercedes Benz to Alabama;
7 sending representatives all over North America and abroad to
8 observe successful models of childcare centers and then
9 joining with other corporations to build the center now known
10 as the Elmer and Glenda Harris Early Learning Center; serving
11 in the Air National Guard, where he achieved his lifelong
12 dream of flying jet aircraft and retired as a Lieutenant
13 Colonel; serving as the Honorary Consul General to Japan from
14 the State of Alabama, where he made several trips to Japan;
15 receiving The Order of the Rising Sun with Gold Rays Award
16 from the Emperor of Japan; being a faithful member of Dawson
17 Memorial Baptist Church and the Agape Life Group; serving as a
18 member of the Board of Trustees of Samford University in
19 Birmingham, Alabama; taking part in the WKLF radio station's
20 70-year celebration after serving as the station's disc jockey
21 when he was a young man; and being inducted into the Alabama
22 Business Hall of Fame in 2007; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was preceded in death by his
24 parents; and

1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 57 years,
2 Glenda Steele Harris; daughter, Lori Elmore (David); son,
3 Tommy Harris (Suzanne); grandchildren, Carlyn Tyree (Brent),
4 Harrison King, Sarah King, Connor King, Ashley Meinhardt
5 (Daniel), Austin Harris, Houston Elmore, and Cade Elmore;
6 great-grandson, John Thomas Tyree; brothers, Curtis Harris and
7 James R. Harris; special nieces and nephews; his wife's much
8 loved family; and many friends; and

9 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
10 missed, the memory of Mr. Harris will be cherished in the
11 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Elmer B.
14 Harris is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
15 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
16 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 25-FEB-20

By: Senator Waggoner