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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BRAVES BASEBALL LEGEND,
9 HENRY LOUIS AARON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on January 22, 2021, of Braves Baseball Legend, Henry
13 Louis "Hank" Aaron, at the age of 86; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron was born on February 5, 1934, in
18 Mobile, Alabama, to Herbert and Estella Aaron; and

19 WHEREAS, one of the greatest baseball players of all
20 time, Mr. Aaron was signed by the Braves in 1952, and he
21 played in the minor leagues until 1954, when he joined the
22 Major League club; some of his achievements during his
23 successful 23-year career include holding the record of 755
24 home runs, remaining baseball's all-time leader in RBIs with
25 2,297, winning the 1957 National League Most Valuable Player
26 Award, surpassing Babe Ruth's all-time total home runs of 714
27 with 715 home runs, being inducted into the National Baseball

1 Hall of Fame, and being awarded the Presidential Citizens
2 Medal by President Bill Clinton and the Presidential Medal of
3 Freedom by President George W. Bush; also, he was the Braves
4 Senior Vice President and the Assistant to the Braves
5 President, as well as an entrepreneur, owning eight Arby's
6 franchises in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

7 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Billye;
8 children, Gaile, Hank Jr., Lary, Dorinda, and Ceci; and a host
9 of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
11 missed, the memory of Mr. Aaron will be cherished in the
12 hearts of all who knew and loved him; as an inspiration and a
13 role model who was uniquely talented, he always worked hard
14 and had a positive attitude; he truly impacted the lives of
15 many, and his legacy will continue showing generations that
16 anyone can enjoy America's pastime; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Braves Baseball
19 Legend, Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron, is recorded with deep
20 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
21 life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief
22 is shared by many.