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3 By Senators Waggoner, Barfoot, Elliott, Stutts, Chambliss,
4 Chesteen, Shelnuttt, Roberts, Sessions, Albritton, Livingston,
5 McClendon, Whatley, Reed, Marsh, Scofield, Givhan, Allen,
6 Jones, Melson, Orr, Butler, Price, Williams, Gudger,
7 Singleton, Smitherman, Beasley, Coleman-Madison, Dunn,
8 Figures, Holley and Sanders-Fortier
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER STATE SENATOR LARRY
9 DEAN DIXON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
12 death on December 4, 2020, of former State Senator and
13 Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners,
14 Larry Dean Dixon, at the age of 78 years; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon was born in Oklahoma and grew
19 up in Prosser, Washington; after high school graduation and
20 three years of service in the United States Army, he returned
21 to Washington State University where he received his
22 undergraduate and graduate degrees; it was there he met his
23 wife of 53 years, Gaynell Kimbrough Dixon, and they decided to
24 return to her native state of Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon began his career of 35 years
26 of government service in Alabama at the Alabama State
27 Department of Education; he later became Executive Director of

1 the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in 1981 and served with
2 distinction until his retirement in 2016, at which time he was
3 honored with the renaming of their building, as the
4 Dixon-Parker Building; he served and was elected to the
5 following during his years of service: the Montgomery City
6 Council, the Alabama House of Representatives and lastly the
7 Alabama Senate; he was also included in the Alabama Health
8 Care Hall of Fame; he is remembered as a man of character who
9 fought for transparency and fiscal conservatism; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon also accomplished and was
11 honored at the national level as a four-term Board Member of
12 the United States Federation of State Medical Boards and as a
13 founder of Administrators in Medicine, which he served as the
14 first President and received a Lifetime Achievement Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Dixon is survived by his loving
16 wife, Gaynell; daughters, Katherine Kimbrough Dixon Hert
17 (Chris), and Elizabeth Walker Dixon Allen (Grier);
18 grandchildren, Hannah Elizabeth Hert, Christina Lucille Hert,
19 Elliott Grier Allen, Jr., and William Walker Dixon Allen;
20 brother, Charles Lee Dixon (Barbara); brother in law, William
21 Edwin Kimbrough (Anne); nephews, Jeffery Scott Dixon (Cathy),
22 Eric Dean Dixon (Mitchie), William Zachary Kimbrough (Nicole),
23 and niece, Melissa Anne Kimbrough Gunter (Tony); Senator Dixon
24 was preceded in death by his parents, Chelsey Lafayette and
25 Charlene Walker Dixon; and

1 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
2 missed, the memory of Senator Larry Dixon will be cherished in
3 the hearts of all who knew him; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of former State
6 Senator Larry Dean Dixon is recorded with deep sadness, and
7 this resolution offered in tribute to his life and with
8 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
9 many.