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3 By Senators Roberts, Shelnutt, Waggoner, Smitherman,  
4 Coleman-Madison, McClendon, Givhan, Gudger, Scofield, Reed,  
5 Whatley and Williams  
6 RFD:  
7 First Read: 23-FEB-21

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN W. MORRIS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 15, 2021, of Mr. John W. Morris, at the age of 82; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris served in the United States Navy, and he was a lifelong farmer, President of the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee, President of the Alabama Cattleman's Association, a member and the President of the Jefferson County Farmers Federation, where he was a respected voice and where he ensured that the large Jefferson County legislative delegation understood the issues of concern to farmers and rural residents; he was elected to the Farmers Federation State Board of Directors in 1983, and he was elected Vice President for the Central Region in 1991, serving until 1999; later, he was re-elected President of the Jefferson County Farmers Federation, where he made

1 agricultural education a priority for the county organization,  
2 the classroom, and in community service projects; and

3 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents,  
4 John Roger and Maytle Morris; daughter, Debra Ann Engler  
5 Campbell; and brother, Roger Alan Morris; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Morris is survived by his wife, Pauline  
7 B. Morris; children, John W. Morris, II (Laurie), Cathy Hannah  
8 (Nelson), Julie Hooper (Steve), Charles Engler, Donna Melvin  
9 (Johnny), and Kelly Shoemaker (Mike); sister, Mary Jewel Nail  
10 (Richard); sister-in-law, Sue Morris; 14 grandchildren; 25  
11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of  
12 nieces and nephews; and

13 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
14 missed, the memory of Mr. Morris will be cherished in the  
15 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John W.  
18 Morris is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
19 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
20 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.