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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Butler,  
4 Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott, Figures,  
5 Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR51,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM H. STEWART, JR.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 death on January 3, 2021, of Dr. William H. Stewart, Jr. of  
9 Hartselle, Alabama, at the age of 81; 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, Dr. Stewart was born on August 20, 1939, in  
14 Hartselle, Alabama, to William H. Stewart, Sr. and Opal Cross  
15 Stewart; he earned a Bachelor's and a Doctorate of Philosophy  
16 Degree from The University of Alabama and a Master's Degree  
17 from George Washington University; he first taught for a year  
18 at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina; he returned to  
19 The University of Alabama as a Political Science Professor in  
20 1969, where he taught for 40 years; Dr. Stewart's students  
21 included people of both political parties, many of whom went  
22 on to serve in elected offices at the highest levels in  
23 Alabama; he had a passion for mentoring students; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart's research interests included  
25 state and local government, federalism, and public

1 administration; he authored over 20 books; he was frequently  
2 asked by the media to comment on local, state, and national  
3 politics as well as appearing on numerous television stations  
4 as a political commentator; he always offered objective,  
5 nonpartisan analysis; for many years he directed a Master's of  
6 Political Science program at Maxwell Air Force Base and taught  
7 an internship in the Montgomery Experience Program; after  
8 retirement, he served as Professor Emeritus in the Political  
9 Science Department of The University of Alabama's College of  
10 Arts and Sciences; for the past quarter century, he wrote a  
11 column for the Hartselle Enquirer, focusing on what happened  
12 in Hartselle in decades past; and

13 WHEREAS, outside of politics, he had many interests;  
14 he was a devoted father and a man of faith; he was a member of  
15 University Church of Christ for most of his adult life; he was  
16 an avid runner, participating in several 5K and 10K races, as  
17 well as half marathons and marathons; he enjoyed all kinds of  
18 music and especially liked to participate in sacred harp  
19 singings; and

20 WHEREAS, he is predeceased by his parents and  
21 sister, Dottie Stewart Lanier; and

22 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 45 years,  
23 Connie Scott Stewart; son, William H. Stewart, III; sister,  
24 Susan Stewart Greayer; brother-in-law, Lamar Scott; and  
25 sister-in-law, Judy Scott; and

1           WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
2 missed, the memory of Dr. Stewart will be cherished in the  
3 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

4           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Dr. William H.  
6 Stewart, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
7 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
8 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
9 many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Allen