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3 By Senator Weaver
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. PHILLIP A. HARRIS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 12, 2022, of Mr. Phillip "Phil" A. Harris of Alabaster, Alabama, at the age of 68 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was born to William "Cecil" Harris and Lillian Robinson Harris; after graduating from Calera High School, he worked in the rail industry at ABEX in Calera for 14 years before changing careers and becoming a paramedic/firefighter; in 1985, he began working for the City of Alabaster Fire Department; he attained the position of Lieutenant; under his 10-year leadership as Fire Inspector, the City of Alabaster did not have one business fire due in part to his diligence in making sure businesses met all requirements and codes; he retired after 28 years of honorable service; and

WHEREAS, his legacy as a leader and a man of service was one that carried on beyond work into his daily life as a Christian, husband, father, grandfather, and friend; the lasting and valuable impact he had on others is partially why

1 he was known by three nicknames to three different groups of
2 people in his life; in high school, he was "Zipper," to the
3 church softball team he was "Scarecrow," and to his fellow
4 firefighters he was "Wally"; and

5 WHEREAS, he is predeceased by his parents; he is
6 survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary H. Harris;
7 daughter, Cindy Marie Gibbs; son, Thomas P. "Tommy" Harris;
8 grandchildren, Marshall Murner, Tucker Gibbs, and Aubrey
9 Gibbs; brother, J.W. Harris; and a host of other relatives and
10 many friends; and

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

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the life of Mr. Phillip "Phil"
16 A. Harris is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
17 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
18 sympathy to his family.