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SJR_____ MOURNING THE DEATHS OF MARC GANN AND SAMUEL ADAM
RUSSELL.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of Marc Gann of Sylacauga, Alabama, and Samuel Adam Russell of Hanover, Alabama, on April 2, 2023, during the commission of a lifesaving effort; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gann and Mr. Russell were dispatched to rescue a hiker in Shelby County when the LifeSaver helicopter crashed near the intersection of County Road 43 and Mountain Oaks Drive, tragically killing Mr. Gann at the site and Mr. Russell passing later at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Marc Gann, 63, served more than 20 years in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot and as an Army Ranger; he joined the LifeSaver crew in 2007; he worked with the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department for seven years; Mr. Gann leaves behind his wife, Brenda; and three children, Kelly, Craig, and Holly; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Adam Russell, 43, was a part-time firefighter for the Sylacauga Fire Department for more than 15 years, as well as a paramedic and registered nurse with LifeSaver; Mr. Russell leaves behind his wife, Tamara; and sons, Dylan, JD Stephens, and Jesse Lankford; and

WHEREAS, although their presence will be greatly missed, the memories of Mr. Gann and Mr. Russell will be



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29 cherished by all who knew and loved them; now therefore,
30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
31 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the deaths of Marc Gann and
32 Samuel Adam Russell are recorded with deep sadness, and this
33 resolution is offered in tribute to their lives, along with
34 heartfelt sympathy to their families, whose grief is shared
35 by many.