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- 4 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
- 5 Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,
- 6 Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart,
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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 3 4 SJR MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. GEORGE COOLEY FRANKS. 5 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the 6 7 death on April 30, 2023, of Mr. George Cooley Franks of 8 Demopolis, Alabama, at the age of 94; and WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of 9 10 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and 11 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Franks was born on December 7, 1928, in 13 Meridian, Mississippi, to George G. Franks and Lula B. 14 Franks; and 15 WHEREAS, after joining the Navy at 16 years of age, Mr. Franks completed his service and returned to Tuscaloosa, 16 Alabama, where he graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 17 1949; he was employed by South Central Bell where he met and 18 married his future wife, Gladys Taylor Franks; and 19 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Franks was transferred to Demopolis in 21 1966 and retired as Foreman in 1986; after retirement, he 22 worked at TASCO, Incorporated, and for Anderson Plumbing, Heating, and Electricity in Demopolis; some of his other 23 24 achievements included being named Citizen of the Year in 25 1983; serving as a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Scoutmaster 26 for Troop 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa and as Scoutmaster for Troop 5 in Demopolis at First Baptist 27

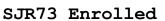
Church; receiving the BSA Silver Beaver Award from the BSA

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29 National Council, which is given to those who implement the 30 scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service; 31 32 serving as a Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa 33 and at First Baptist Church for almost 70 years total; being named Deacon Emeritus by First Baptist Church on April 23, 34 35 2023; and being the Originator and Founder of the Alabama 36 State Bar-B-Q Championship for Demopolis's own Christmas on 37 the River, where he served as Chairman for 30 years; a man 38 with a servant's heart, he also ministered around the world through many mission trips; and 39 40 WHEREAS, Mr. Franks was preceded in death by his 41 wife; parents; and brother, Freddy F. Franks; he is survived 42 by his children, Bobby Franks (Anita Duncan), Kaye Evans 43 (Arthur), Lydia Randall (Mike), and Cindy Parker; sisters, Frances Franks Pearson and Jean Franks Ward; grandchildren, 44 45 Emily R. Spiller (Shane), Scott Evans (April), Michael 46 Randall (Marion), Taylor Evans (Megan), Fallon Taylor (Hunter), Kathleen Randall, Hayden Franks (Lana), Leanna 47 48 Rogers (Nathan), and Graham Parker (Alena); and 23 great-49 grandchildren; and 50 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Mr. Franks will be cherished in the 51 52 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore, 53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. George 55 Cooley Franks is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with 56





- 57 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
- 58 many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR73 Senate 16-May-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 23-May-23 By: Senator Allen