## SJR90 ENROLLED



- 1 SJR90
- 2 G3VM4C2-2
- 3 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,
- 4 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,
- 5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,
- 6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Price,
- 7 Roberts, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart,
- 8 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams
- 9 RFD: Rules
- 10 First Read: 06-May-25

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1	<pre>Enrolled, An Act,</pre>
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4	SJR MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUDGE DAVID JOE BRELAND.
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6	WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn
7	the death, yet celebrate the life, of Judge David Joe
8	Breland of Decatur, Alabama, whose passing on April 30,
9	2025, at the age of 72, has left a void in the lives of his
10	loving family and friends and the entire community, where he
11	was highly regarded; and
12	WHEREAS, born on March 16, 1953, in Decatur, Alabama,
13	to the late Judge Edwin DeWitt Breland, Sr. and Hazel Dykes
14	Breland, Judge Breland embodied a lifelong commitment to
15	faith, family, and public service; and
16	WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Decatur High School and a
17	proud alumnus of The University of Alabama, Judge Breland
18	began his legal career by joining his father's law practice
19	before being appointed Morgan County District Judge in 1983
20	by Governor George Wallace, a position he would hold with
21	distinction for 25 years, being re-elected four times
22	without opposition; and
23	WHEREAS, Judge Breland was a visionary in juvenile
24	justice reform, establishing community-based services that
25	became a statewide model that influenced the Alabama
26	Juvenile Justice Act of 2008, while also serving as a
27	trusted advisor and statewide coordinator in juvenile
28	justice initiatives; and

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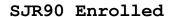


29	WHEREAS, after retiring from the bench, Judge Breland
30	continued his service as Director of Historic Resources for
31	the City of Decatur, where he oversaw major restoration
32	projects, including the Old State Bank and the Historic
33	Union Depot, preserving Decatur's history and promoting
34	civic pride until his retirement in 2025; and
35	WHEREAS, his many accolades include the Barrett C.
36	Shelton Sr. Freedom Award, Paul Harris Fellow, Silver Beaver
37	and Whitney Young Awards from the Boy Scouts of America, and
38	induction into the Morgan County Schools Foundation
39	Leadership Hall of Fame, in addition to his service on the
40	Alabama Historical Commission and leadership roles in Rotary
41	Club and Decatur-Morgan Hospital; and
42	WHEREAS, above all else, Judge Breland was a devout
43	Christian, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend,
44	known for his compassion, wisdom, and quiet strength,
45	leaving behind a legacy of justice, dignity, and leadership
46	that will long be remembered and honored; and
47	WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and
48	his sister, Carolyn Lee Breland; and
49	WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife of
50	45 years, Drama Dorning Breland; son, Will (Brooke);
51	daughter, Mary Katherine (Michael); nephew, Jordan Phillips
52	(Grace); niece, Julia Tichenor (Adam); brother, Edwin DeWitt
53	Breland, Jr. (Virginia); and beloved grandchildren, Grady
54	Phillips, Mira Breland, Spencer Breland, James Tichenor, and
55	Mary Stephen Phillips (Stevie); and
56	WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved



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57	by many, his service to others and his passion for life will
58	be remembered fondly; we join with others to celebrate his
59	life and to mourn his death; although his presence will be
60	greatly missed, the memory of Judge Breland will be
61	cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now
62	therefore,
63	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
64	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Judge David Joe
65	Breland is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we mourn
66	his death and the loss it represents, we also celebrate his
67	life; this resolution is offered in highest tribute, along
68	with heartfelt sympathy to his entire family, whose grief is
69	shared by many.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SJR90 Senate 06-May-25 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 07-May-25 By: Senator Orr