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4 Bell, Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,

5 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,

6 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr,

7 Price, Roberts, Sessions, Shelnut, Smitherman, Stewart,

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SJR___ HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEE ROY JORDAN.

WHEREAS, Lee Roy Jordan was born on April 27, 1941, in Excel, Alabama, and rose from humble beginnings on a rural farm to become one of the most respected and accomplished figures in American football history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan distinguished himself as a student-athlete at The University of Alabama under the leadership of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, where he served as team captain and helped lead the Crimson Tide to national prominence, including victories in the Sugar Bowl and Orange Bowl and a defense that allowed only three touchdowns in the entire 1961 season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was selected in the first round of the 1963 National Football League Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, where he played his entire 14-year professional career, earning two All-Pro selections, five Pro Bowl appearances, and contributing to three Super Bowl appearances, including the Cowboys' first Super Bowl victory in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was widely recognized not only for his athletic prowess but also for his leadership, tenacity, and commitment to excellence, serving as the captain of the Cowboys' defense and helping to shape the identity of the franchise during its transformation into



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29 "America's Team"; and

30 WHEREAS, his legacy extended beyond the field, as he
31 exemplified the values of hard work, integrity, and
32 perseverance, and remained a proud ambassador for the State
33 of Alabama throughout his life, including his induction into
34 the College Football Hall of Fame in 1983; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan's contributions to sport,
36 leadership, and community have left an indelible mark on
37 generations of athletes and fans, and his memory will
38 continue to inspire those who value teamwork, discipline,
39 and character; now therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
41 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we honor the life and legacy
42 of Lee Roy Jordan, express our deepest condolences to his
43 family, friends, and admirers, and recognize his
44 extraordinary contributions to the State of Alabama, the
45 sport of football, and the nation.