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3 By Senators Allen, Singleton, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,

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,

8 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

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SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EDDIE CONYERS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the passing of Eddie Conyers in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on January 27, 2026, while we also celebrate his long, beautiful life that ended at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, a longtime referee, Eddie Conyers was a beloved fixture around The University of Alabama's football practices for more than six decades; his departure leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the community where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Conyers, a native of Montgomery, moved to Tuscaloosa as a young man and graduated from high school in 1946; after two years of service in the United States Navy, he enrolled at The University of Alabama (UA) before getting called back into service during the Korean War; Eddie returned to UA and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce in 1954; and

WHEREAS, he was employed by the Jemison Company in Tuscaloosa for 26 years and eventually retired from UA's College of Continuing Studies; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, legendary Crimson Tide Head Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant first hired Eddie to serve as a football practice official, beginning a gig he would hold for nearly



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29 60 years, enjoying a front seat through the program's most
30 iconic eras of success; over that time, Eddie worked with 12
31 national championship teams and witnessed the leadership of,
32 in addition to Bryant, such iconic figures as Gene Stallings
33 and Nick Saban; and

34 WHEREAS, often described as a trusted presence with
35 sharp institutional memory, Eddie Conyers became one of the
36 longest-tenured members of the Alabama athletics family; he
37 embodied the spirit of Alabama Crimson Tide football; and

38 WHEREAS, in recognition of his service, the UA
39 football program honored Eddie in 2006 by dedicating the
40 coaches' dressing room in the football complex in his name;
41 more recently, he was named the recipient of the Alabama
42 Sports Hall of Fame's Frank "Pig" House Award in 2022, an
43 honor presented to individuals who have provided outstanding
44 service to sports in Alabama; it is named for the Hall of
45 Fame's founding chair; and

46 WHEREAS, beyond football, Eddie was a popular speaker
47 for alumni groups, civic organizations, and business
48 gatherings, known for his stories and deep knowledge of
49 Alabama athletics; he is survived by his wife, Peggy; two
50 children, Bubba Conyers and Donna Jernigan; and three
51 grandchildren; and

52 WHEREAS, Eddie Conyers was a remarkable man who loved
53 The University of Alabama and its players; he will be
54 remembered as "a true Alabama legend" whose impact extended
55 far beyond the practice field; now therefore,

56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH



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57 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Eddie Conyers
58 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
59 offered in tribute to his life and service to The University
60 of Alabama football program he so loved, along with
61 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
62 many.