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3 By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell, Butler,
4 Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman, Coleman-Madison,
5 Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Hovey, Jones,
6 Kelley, Kitchens, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Roberts,
7 Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton, Smitherman, Stewart, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Weaver, Williams, Woods

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4 SJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE
5 HONORABLE SAMUEL ALAN HARPER.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 passing of our former colleague and friend, The Honorable
9 Samuel Alan Harper, of Alabaster, Alabama, on December 18,
10 2025, at the age of 68; and

11 WHEREAS, born and reared in Northport, Alabama, Alan
12 Harper earned his baccalaureate degree from The University
13 of Alabama in 1986; the university honored him as the School
14 of Communications Alumnus of the Year in 2001; among many
15 other accolades and awards, he was selected as Man of the
16 Year by the Aliceville Area Chamber of Commerce in 2009 and
17 Legislator of the Year by the Economic Development
18 Association of Alabama in 2012; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper's career evidenced his commitment
20 to public service; during his decade-long career with the
21 Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, his work
22 was pivotal in bringing numerous companies, more than 4,000
23 jobs, and more than \$500,000,000 in capital investment to
24 the area, including the development and launch of the
25 Tuscaloosa County Mercedes facility; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper also served as the City Manager
27 of Aliceville and as Retail Development Director for the
28 City of Northport; his public service continued as State



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Representative to House District 61 from 2006 to 2018;
during his tenure he served on many committees, including
Chair of the House Economic Development and Tourism
Committee; he also served on several civic organizations,
including Rotary International, which recognized him as a
Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Alan Harper was a highly skilled woodworker
and fabulous cook; he was well-known to use the outdoor
kitchen he built to cook the crappie that he freshly fished
from Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway; he was a devoted husband,
father, and "Pop" to his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Alan Harper was preceded in death by his
parents, Faye Ingram Harper and Samuel Henry Harper; he will
be remembered by his wife, Jean Harper; sons, Sam (Samantha)
and Brant (Karen); grandchildren, Tatum, Maddux, and
Brantley; he is also survived by the mother of his sons,
Mary Jean Sutton, and a host of nieces, nephews, and
friends; and

WHEREAS, Alan Harper's legacy was built on a lifetime
of compassion, service, and unwavering commitment to others,
and his presence will be missed by all those who were
fortunate to know him; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of The Honorable
Samuel Alan Harper is recorded with deep sadness, and this
resolution is in honor of his life and legacy and with
heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
many.