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3 By Representatives Clarke, Buskey, Sessions, Bracy, Davis,
4 Drummond, Gaston, Pringle, Wilcox and Williams (JW)
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JUSTIN TAYLOR BILLA.

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10 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
11 tragic and untimely death of Justin Taylor Billa, a native of
12 Houma, Louisiana, and resident of Mobile, Alabama, on February
13 20, 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family, many friends, and the entire community,
16 where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Justin was a graduate of H.L. Bourgeois
18 High School and the Mobile Police Academy; he fulfilled his
19 lifelong dream of being a law enforcement officer when he
20 joined the Mobile Police Department in January 2016; he was a
21 devoted husband, father, son, brother, and friend; and

22 WHEREAS, Justin had the utmost distinction of being
23 selected "Officer of the Month" in June 2016; he was a
24 faithful and dedicated member of Dayspring Baptist Church; his
25 favorite pastimes were duck hunting, fishing, cooking, and
26 spending quality time with family and friends; he loved Cajun
27 food and Louisiana heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include his childhood sweetheart,
2 Erin Elizabeth Billa; one-year-old son, Taylor Lincoln Billa;
3 two sisters, Tashia (Jory) Larousse and Kristen Landry; his
4 brother, Brenden Riche, and his fiancée, Shelby Samperi; his
5 mother, Gina (Kyle) Jackson; great-grandparents, Jenny
6 Matherne and Paul and Jeanette Luke; grandparents, Dave, Sr.,
7 and Christine Matherne; Donald Blanchard, a father figure in
8 his life whom he called dad; nieces, nephews, and other
9 relatives and friends and his "Brothers and Sisters in Blue"
10 of the Mobile Police Department; he was preceded in death by
11 his aunt and godmother, Brenda Pellegrin; and his
12 great-grandfather, Lee Matherne; and

13 WHEREAS, Justin Taylor Billa was a valued member of
14 the community; although his presence is greatly missed, his
15 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who
16 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
19 Justin Taylor Billa, we are extremely grateful for his
20 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
21 to his legacy, as well as with heartfelt sympathy to his
22 family and friends.