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3 By Senator Waggoner  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 16-JAN-18

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4 ENROLLED, SJR20,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.  
6 WILLIAM OSSIAN BOLEN, SR.

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8 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of  
9 Mr. William Ossian Bolen, Sr., and we uplift his inspiring  
10 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. William Ossian Bolen,  
12 Sr., leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many  
13 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly  
14 regarded; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen was born November 15, 1928, in  
16 Selma, Alabama, to Joseph Benjamin Bolen and Roberta Huggins  
17 Bolen; Mr. Bolen graduated from The University of Alabama,  
18 where he is a member of the School of Communications Hall of  
19 Fame; he met the love of his life, Vivian, at The University  
20 of Alabama, and they were married 57 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen served with much honor for two  
22 years in the Department of Information Services with the  
23 United States Air Force and continued his service with the Air  
24 National Guard and Reserves until his retirement in 1979 as a  
25 lieutenant colonel; and

1           WHEREAS, over the course of his remarkable career in  
2 broadcast journalism, he served as morning disc jockey with  
3 WSGN radio station and headlined the "Rollin' with Bolen"  
4 show, co-anchored two daily newscasts while gathering news  
5 with the help of a Polaroid camera and a tape recorder,  
6 produced and hosted many news segments including a weekly  
7 show, "Religion in the News," and served as the esteemed host  
8 of "Good Day Alabama" while employed with Fox 6; Mr. Bolen let  
9 his light shine for Christ through career opportunities; and

10           WHEREAS, survivors include his children, William  
11 Ossian Bolen, Jr. (Patti), Mallory Bolen Whitaker (Dan),  
12 Jennifer Bolen DuBose (Brent), and Sandra Bolen Ballard (Rob);  
13 grandchildren, Kristin Leigh Bolen, William Kevin Bolen,  
14 Daniel Taylor Whitaker (Maggie), Andrew Tucker Whitaker,  
15 Mallory Evelyn Whitaker, Lina LaTaste DuBose, Lewis Brent  
16 DuBose, Jr., Robert Henry Ballard, III, William Payton Ballard,  
17 and Vivian Carlisle Ballard; and great-grandchildren, Jane  
18 Caruthers Whitaker and Calvin Major Whitaker; brother-in-law,  
19 James Homer Killebrew, Jr. (Gerry); and a host of nieces,  
20 nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, whom he all loved  
21 dearly; he was preceded in death by his parents; his loving  
22 wife, Vivian Killebrew Bolen; his brothers, Joseph Benjamin  
23 Bolen (Genevieve), Frank Seay Bolen (Francis); and infant  
24 sister, Evelyn Marie Bolen; brother-in-law, Alfred Lamar

1 Killebrew; sisters-in-law, Elaine Killebrew Evans (Tom), and  
2 Mildred Killebrew Worsham (Allen); and

3 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. William Ossian Bolen,  
4 Sr., leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many  
5 friends, and the entire community, where he was highly  
6 regarded; and

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
9 Mr. William Ossian Bolen, Sr., we are extremely grateful for  
10 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest  
11 tribute of his memory, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his  
12 family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 23-JAN-18  
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 30-JAN-18

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By: Senator Waggoner