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3 By Senators Pittman, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Reed, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 WEATHER CHANNEL FOUNDER AND "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" FORECASTER
10 JOHN COLEMAN.
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12 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of
13 renowned Weather Channel founder and "Good Morning America"
14 forecaster John Coleman of Las Vegas on January 20, 2018, at
15 83 years of age, with his beloved and devoted wife, Linda, by
16 his side, and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy with
17 utmost reverence and respect; and

18 WHEREAS, John Coleman embarked upon his
19 distinguished television career while attending the University
20 of Illinois; his professional record of excellence included
21 working at several local stations in Chicago and the Midwest,
22 joining GMA upon its establishment in 1975, co-founding the
23 Weather Channel and serving as its CEO, being named broadcast
24 meteorologist of the year by the American Meteorological
25 Society, working at television stations in New York and
26 Chicago, and being employed with KUSI-TV in San Diego for 20
27 years before retiring in 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, John Coleman impacted countless lives;
2 although his presence is greatly missed, his memory is
3 cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
4 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
7 "Good Morning America" forecaster John Coleman, we are
8 extremely grateful for his abundant life, and we offer this
9 resolution in highest tribute to his legacy, as well as in
10 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.