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3 By Senators Keahey, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield,
4 Bishop, Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin,
5 Figures, French, Glover, Holley, Little (T), Little (Z),
6 Marsh, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole,
7 Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman
8 and Waggoner
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 12-JAN-10

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR PIERRE PELHAM.
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10 WHEREAS, with immense sadness, we record the
11 untimely death of a friend and colleague, Former Senator
12 Pierre Pelham, of Mobile, Alabama, on Thursday, December 3,
13 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, Former Senator Pelham served in the
15 Legislature from 1966 to 1974, rising to become Senate
16 President Pro Tempore and Floor Leader for Governor George C.
17 Wallace; he was referred to as "one of the greatest orators"
18 by former State Senator and U.S. Representative Sonny Callahan
19 of Mobile; and

20 WHEREAS, Former Senator Pelham's son, Marc Pelham
21 spoke of his father as being "bigger than life"; he championed
22 legislation for his Mobile district to create the University
23 of South Alabama's College of Medicine and a Mobile dog track;
24 his former legislative colleague, U.S. Representative Callahan
25 said that Former Senator Pelham's brilliant oratorical skills
26 could persuade his colleagues to do great things; in addition,

1 former legislative colleague Robert Edington of Mobile spoke
2 of the former Senator as being a great friend and well-liked
3 in the Legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, Former Senator Pelham struggled with
5 alcoholism for two decades, he overcame his addiction and
6 dedicated himself to helping others do the same; in addition,
7 his devotion was also to his family that is left to cherish
8 his memory, his wife, Eva; two sons, Marc and Joseph IV; two
9 daughters, Pierrette and Patrice, and his twelve
10 grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, his excellence as an Alabama lawmaker,
12 family man, and community leader will live on in his legacy
13 with all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we grievously mourn the death
16 of our dear friend and colleague, Former Senator Pierre
17 Pelham, and extend our deepest condolences to his family and
18 other loved ones by copy of this resolution in highest tribute
19 to the life of this great Alabamian.