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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

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4 ENROLLED, SJR15,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR PIERRE PELHAM.

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7 WHEREAS, with immense sadness, we record the
8 untimely death of a friend and colleague, former Senator
9 Pierre Pelham, of Mobile, Alabama, on Thursday, December 3,
10 2009; and

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

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

1 of the former Senator as being a great friend and well-liked
2 in the Legislature; and

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

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

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

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

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McDowell Lee
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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Adopted: 14-JAN-10

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By: Senator Keahey