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3 By Representative Jackson
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. RICHARD STEPHEN JORDAN,
9 JR.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
12 news is received of the death of Mr. Richard Stephen Jordan,
13 Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was a dedicated educator who
15 impacted the lives of countless students in the Montgomery
16 School System before embarking on a 22-year career with the
17 State of Alabama Department of Youth Services as the
18 Administrative Superintendent of the Mt. Meigs Campus; and

19 WHEREAS, a native Montgomerian who contributed
20 greatly to his city in many arenas, he was the son of the late
21 Vera White and Richard Jordan, Sr.; he was baptized at Dexter
22 Avenue Baptist Church and his education began at the Alabama
23 State College nursery, elementary, and laboratory high school,
24 prior to earning his Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education
25 and a Master's Degree in Education from Alabama State
26 University, followed by further studies at DePauw University;
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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was a fourth-generation
2 Dexterite, serving the church faithfully as chairman of
3 deacons and in many additional capacities; well-known for his
4 encyclopedic knowledge of the history of Montgomery, he was a
5 skillful orator who was often called upon to provide tributes
6 and remarks on important occasions; following in the footsteps
7 of his esteemed father, he played an active role in the
8 historic Montgomery Civil Rights Movement; and

9 WHEREAS, among his many roles of civic leadership,
10 he was former president of the Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter of
11 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; past chairman of the
12 Cleveland Avenue YMCA Board; former president of the Houston
13 Hill Neighborhood Association; and active member of the
14 Montgomery S.T.E.P. Foundation, the Family Guidance Center
15 Board, and Landmarks Foundation; he was also active in support
16 of his beloved alma mater; and

17 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
18 and loving wife of 52 years, Viola; daughters, Sharon V.
19 Jordan, LaFreeda M. Jordan, Richele (Daryl) Jordan-Davis, and
20 Vera B. Jordan; three grandsons, Richard, Nyles, and Bray
21 Davis; sister, Carolee I. Cunningham; brothers, James C.
22 (Willie Bell) Jordan and Thomas E. (Diane) Jordan;
23 sisters-in-law, Jean R. Jordan, Brenda Travis Jordan, Mary L.
24 Cox, Rosa Mae Howze, and Mattie J. Howze; brother-in-law,
25 Doska Law; along with a number of additional caring relatives
26 and devoted friends, and a special doctor and friend, John A.

1 Jernigan, M.D.; in addition to his parents, he was preceded in
2 death by a brother, Edwin T. Jordan; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was a natural, charismatic
4 leader who found joy through serving others and left his mark
5 on the world by the way he lived and the difference he made in
6 the many lives he touched; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Richard
9 Stephen Jordan, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
10 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life of
11 achievement and service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his
12 grieving family.