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

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4 ENROLLED, SJR91,

5 HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN MARK STALLINGS.

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7 WHEREAS, we look back with deep appreciation for
8 what John Mark "Johnny" Stallings and his family have meant to
9 the people of Alabama and to the members of this body; and

10 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa, June 11, 1962, to
11 legendary Alabama football head coach Gene Stallings and his
12 wife, Ruth Ann, Johnny Stallings was diagnosed with Down
13 Syndrome and a heart problem, conditions which did not hamper
14 him as he came to be considered a hero to millions of people
15 across the United States, including Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, during Coach Stallings' tenure at The
17 University of Alabama, Johnny was a fixture in The
18 University's Athletic Department, regularly attending
19 practices and games at his father's side; his energy,
20 enthusiasm, and love for the Crimson Tide football program
21 endeared him to millions of Alabamians; Johnny's attachment to
22 the program and The University was so strong that he cried
23 when he heard that his father had elected to retire to the
24 family ranch in Paris, Texas, in 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, Johnny Stallings was a living symbol of
2 triumph by persons with congenital disabilities; his death in
3 2008 at the age of 46 was mourned not only by his parents,
4 Gene and Ruth Ann Stallings; and his siblings, Laurie
5 Vanderpool, Martha Kate Gunn, Anna Lee Young, and Jackie
6 Chalk; but also by millions of members of The University of
7 Alabama Family and by thousands of Alabamians and Americans of
8 every political stripe and school affiliation; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF, That we hereby honor the memory and celebrate
11 the life of Alabama's cherished and beloved native son, John
12 Mark Stallings.

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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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By: Senator Smitherman