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3 By Senators Singleton, 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, Smith, Smitherman, and
8 Waggoner

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4 ENROLLED, SJR139,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF SHERIFF ISON THOMAS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an
8 inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the
9 untimely death of Sheriff Ison Thomas of Greene County on
10 April 3, 2010, at the age of 54 years; and

11 WHEREAS, born March 11, 1956, he attended Paramount
12 High School in Boligee, Alabama, and was employed for a time
13 with The University of Alabama; his law enforcement experience
14 included work in the Greene County Sheriff's Department, the
15 Taylor Hardin Mental Facility, and the Moundville Police
16 Department prior to 2006, when he was elected Greene County
17 Sheriff; and

18 WHEREAS, during his time as sheriff, he compiled an
19 outstanding record and is credited with many innovations,
20 including updating the technology in patrol cars by adding
21 cameras and computers and also adding cameras at the
22 courthouse and jail; in addition, he established a K-9 Unit
23 and added a Junior Deputy Program as well as hiring several
24 additional deputies; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Thomas shared a great working
2 relationship with the Mayor of Eutaw and also with the Police
3 Department; he was considered the perfect law enforcement
4 officer because of his impeccable character and willing heart;
5 through the years, he was admired for his calm demeanor and
6 willingness to listen with infinite patience; and

7 WHEREAS, devoted to family and church, he had been a
8 faithful member of Lloyd Chapel Baptist Church in Forkland,
9 Alabama, since childhood; Sheriff Thomas was also a member of
10 the 168th Engineering Division of the National Guard; and

11 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
12 wife, Dorothy J. Lewis Thomas; six children, Jacqueline
13 Winston, Perdell Thomas, Ison DeAndre Thomas, Daedra Thomas,
14 Kendarius Steele, and Tymeria Thomas; and six grandchildren;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Thomas was a true servant of the
17 people and a warrior for justice; his presence will be greatly
18 missed by those who were privileged to know him during the
19 brief span of his lifetime; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Sheriff
22 Ison Thomas of Greene County is recorded with deep sadness,
23 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life,
24 along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.

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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 Singleton