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3       By Senator Ward  
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5       First Read: 22-MAR-11

MOURNING THE DEATH OF OFFICER DONALD JOSHUA NEWMAN.

WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we receive news of the death of Officer Donald Joshua "Josh" Newman on March 5, 2011, at the age of 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newman was a dedicated law enforcement officer in the City of Jemison, Alabama, who lost his life in the line of duty while responding to a call; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Clanton, he was born April 8, 1980, in Macon, Georgia, the son of Donald Edward Newman and Ginger Fulmer Autry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving his community, Mr. Newman served his country with honor and distinction for six years as an MP in the United States Air Force, stationed in Turkey, Oman, and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newman began as a Reserve Officer with the City of Jemison in December 2008 and graduated from the Police Academy in April 2010; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Tracy Thornton Newman; son, Jace Newman; his parents; sisters, Flessica

1 Mercer and Jennifer (Joe) Monroe; brother, Mark Newman;  
2 maternal grandfather, Billy F. Fulmer; paternal grandparents,  
3 Donald and Eddie Mae Newman; in-laws, Jeff and Carolyn Mims;  
4 and a host of nieces and nephews; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Donald Joshua Newman personified  
6 the finest qualities of America's valiant youth who dedicate  
7 their lives to serving their fellowman, both in the military  
8 and in law enforcement; although his presence will be missed,  
9 his legacy will endure, and his memory will be cherished in  
10 the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him  
11 during the brief span of his lifetime; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the tragic yet noble death of  
14 Officer Donald Joshua Newman is recorded with deep sadness,  
15 and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life,  
16 along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.