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3 By Senators Pittman, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley,  
8 and Williams

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 24-MAR-11

8 REMEMBERING WARREN MINOR CHRISTOPHER FOR HIS  
9 LIFETIME OF SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, with deep sorrow we note the death of  
12 Warren Minor Christopher on March 18, 2011; for his  
13 outstanding accomplishments, career achievements, and  
14 dedicated public service to the United States, we celebrate  
15 his life of 85 years with thanksgiving; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Christopher was an American lawyer, a  
17 diplomat, and a public servant; his valuable contributions to  
18 his country and fellowman are innumerable and immeasurable; he  
19 served as Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton, as  
20 Deputy Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter, and as  
21 Deputy Attorney General under President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Christopher was the first graduate of  
23 Stanford Law School to become a law clerk for a United States  
24 Supreme Court Justice; he practiced law with the firm of  
25 O'Melveny and Myers in Century City, California, for many  
26 years, and served as a professor in the College Honors Program  
27 at the University of California at Los Angeles; he served as

1 special counsel to California Governor Edmund G. Brown; and  
2 served as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association  
3 in 1974-1975; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Christopher, well-known for his  
5 diligent efforts and accomplishments on behalf of many issues,  
6 was involved in leadership roles in numerous professional and  
7 civic activities including serving as Chairman of the  
8 Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department;  
9 member and President of the Board of Trustees of Stanford  
10 University; Director and Vice Chairman, Council on Foreign  
11 Relations; Director, Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg Group,  
12 Los Angeles World Affairs Council; Fellow of the American  
13 Academy of Arts and Sciences; and Chairman Emeritus, Pacific  
14 Council on International Policy; and

15 WHEREAS, having served the people of the United  
16 States his entire lifetime, the illustrious career of Mr.  
17 Christopher reflects a lawmaker more comfortable with  
18 protecting interests than in seeking power or pushing a  
19 particular issue or cause; he earned the admiration and  
20 respect of all those with whom he was associated during his  
21 successful career and lifetime; and

22 WHEREAS, we gratefully celebrate the life of Warren  
23 Minor Christopher, through the years and in all his endeavors,  
24 he has earned widespread respect for his exceptional abilities  
25 and tireless commitment; and

26 WHEREAS, family, friends, and others across the  
27 United States greatly admired and loved this outstanding

1 statesman who unselfishly dedicated himself to serving his God  
2 and his country, often moving in advance of his own times to  
3 take courageous and sometimes unpopular stands; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
6 Warren Minor Christopher, we celebrate his life of service and  
7 purpose, and we extend heartfelt sympathy to his family for  
8 whom a copy of this resolution is offered with sincere tribute  
9 and honor.