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3 By Senator Bedford
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 01-JUN-11

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4 ENROLLED, SJR161,

5 MOURNING THE DEATHS OF THE TORNADO VICTIMS IN MARION
6 COUNTY ON APRIL 27, 2011.

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8 WHEREAS, with heavy hearts and an overwhelming sense
9 of loss, we mourn the deaths of our friends, neighbors, and
10 relatives in Marion County as a result of the devastating
11 tornado outbreak on April 27, 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, these tragic deaths eviscerated our
13 community, depriving us of young lives full of promise as well
14 as active citizens in the prime of life and the elderly whose
15 legacy is already well established but whose presence was
16 cherished; and

17 WHEREAS, it is impossible to catalogue or even to
18 know the far-reaching contributions of those we lost, the
19 impact they had on Marion County, the great State of Alabama,
20 and our wonderful country; we can only say what they meant to
21 us, as individuals, day-by-day; and

22 WHEREAS, we humbly list and recognize these
23 outstanding citizens of highest caliber who are lost to us
24 except in memory, and we promise to honor them by being more
25 compassionate, more considerate of one another, more involved

1 in the community, and more celebratory of all that is
2 worthwhile in the lives of those of us for whom each day is a
3 godly gift; and

4 WHEREAS, in Hackleburg: Bridget Barnwell Brisbois,
5 34; Robbie Cox, 68; Tina Donais, 37; Chris Dunn, 32; Charles
6 Tommy Garner, 75; Mae Garner, 79; Ed Hall, 53; Teresa Gay
7 Hall, 50; Kaarol Jokela, 76; Donna Lee "Leah" Jokela, 77;
8 Freddie Lollie, 81; Vickey Lollie, 55; John Lynch; Cledis Inez
9 McCarley, 69; Vicki Lynn McKee, 47; Faye O'Kelley, 70; Rodney
10 Gene Ables, 51; and Ken Vaughn, 24; and

11 WHEREAS, in Hamilton: Michelle Brown, 43; Tammy
12 Johnson, 52; Jacob Ralph Ray, 5; Virginia Revis, 53; and
13 Jeanette Cochran Wideman, 52; and

14 WHEREAS, in the midst of our grief, we pay homage to
15 the values of faith, family, and community as integral parts
16 of our lives, sustaining us through our darkest hours; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That with infinite sorrow, we
20 record the deaths of our beloved Marion County neighbors, and
21 this resolution is offered in tribute to their lives, along
22 with heartfelt sympathy to their families.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request that the
24 Marion County Commission place this official resolution in an
25 appropriate location in the Marion County Courthouse.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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Senate 01-JUN-11
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 09-JUN-11

By: Senator Bedford