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3 By Senators Bedford, Waggoner, Allen, Beasley, Beason,  
4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn,  
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,  
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Ward, Whatley,  
8 and Williams  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF SENATOR WENDELL MITCHELL.  
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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of our good friend and former  
12 colleague, Senator Wendell Mitchell, on February 4, 2012, at  
13 the age of 71 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the death of Senator Mitchell leaves a void  
15 in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
16 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, he was known as "Walking Wendell" because  
18 of his practice of walking several hundred miles during his  
19 campaigns, and he represented State Senate District 30 with  
20 competence and commitment from 1974 until 2010, earning the  
21 respect of colleagues and constituents; and

22 WHEREAS, in his capacity as Deputy President Pro Tem  
23 of the Senate, he was a voting member of almost all standing  
24 committees and served as chair of the Governmental Affairs  
25 Committee; he was a Democrat who worked well with Republicans  
26 despite differences on issues, and he had bipartisan support

1       for his initiatives on behalf of the people of his District  
2       and the State of Alabama; and

3               WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished career in  
4       government, he was a former Professor and Dean Emeritus of  
5       Jones School of Law at Faulkner University in Montgomery; and

6               WHEREAS, Senator Mitchell was a valued member of the  
7       community whose contributions were far-reaching and  
8       innumerable; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
9       legacy will endure and his memory will be cherished in the  
10      hearts of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

11              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12      HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Senator Wendell  
13      Mitchell is recorded with deepest sorrow and, by copy of this  
14      resolution to his beloved wife, Rosalind, we convey our  
15      heartfelt sympathy, along with our unbounded admiration and  
16      appreciation for his life of achievement and service.