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3 By Senators Ward, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,
4 Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,
5 Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,
6 McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,
7 Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Whatley, and
8 Williams
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10 First Read: 21-FEB-12

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8 NAMING THE MICHAEL A. FIGURES-RYAN DEGRAFFENRIED,
9 JR., SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM.
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11 WHEREAS, it is our distinct privilege to honor our
12 late friend and colleague, Ryan deGraffenried, Jr., for his
13 distinguished legal and legislative service by naming the
14 Michael A. Figures-Ryan deGraffenried, Jr., Senate Judiciary
15 Room; and

16 WHEREAS, following his graduation from the
17 University of Alabama and the Cumberland School of Law, Ryan
18 established a successful law practice and entered the world of
19 politics; and

20 WHEREAS, as a member of the prominent deGraffenried
21 family, Ryan followed his father's footsteps into public
22 service when he was first elected to the Alabama Senate at the
23 age of 28 in 1978; he was reelected for three successive
24 terms, serving as President Pro Tempore of the Senate from
25 1987 to 1994; and

26 WHEREAS, during his tenure in office, Ryan
27 deGraffenried worked closely with Governor Jim Folsom and

1 others on the Mercedes Benz incentives project; he was also
2 closely involved in the Alabama First education package, a
3 progressive and far-reaching plan that twice passed the
4 Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, Ryan deGraffenried's command of the
6 legislative process and his appreciation of the institution
7 and its history served him well during his distinguished
8 16-year legislative career; Secretary of the Senate McDowell
9 Lee described him as one of the finest statesmen in Alabama
10 history; and

11 WHEREAS, Ryan deGraffenried was an unparalleled
12 leader and a fierce advocate for his causes; and

13 WHEREAS, Ryan deGraffenried's personal traits are
14 also recalled: He was as humble as he was powerful; he was a
15 loyal friend and respected adversary; he generously and
16 quietly helped others; in short, he was a special and generous
17 friend and colleague; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
19 ALABAMA, That we recognize and honor the late Ryan
20 deGraffenried, Jr., by naming the current Senate Judiciary
21 Room the Michael A. Figures-Ryan deGraffenried, Jr., Senate
22 Judiciary Room.