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3 By Senator Keahey
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MAYOR BAILEY YELDING, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mayor Bailey Yelding, Jr., of the
12 City of Daphne, on January 22, 2013, at the age of 72 years;
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14 WHEREAS, born on November 18, 1940, he was a
15 lifelong resident of his beloved hometown and a faithful
16 member and trustee of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church;
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18 WHEREAS, a graduate of Baldwin County Training
19 School and Alabama State University, he was a member of the
20 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Daphne Alumni Chapter; and

21 WHEREAS, his civic achievements included service for
22 10 years as a city councilman before being elected the first
23 Black mayor of the City of Daphne; he was an inspirational
24 leader and a consensus builder of significant accomplishment;
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26 WHEREAS, he had also been an effective
27 administrator, esteemed educator, and highly regarded coach

1 who impacted the future of countless youth, teaching life
2 lessons for success beyond the basketball court where he
3 compiled a 302-130 record for Fairhope High School and won the
4 Baldwin County Championship 10 times; and

5 WHEREAS, among his recognitions through the years,
6 he was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the Alabama
7 High School Athletic Association as well as the Fairhope High
8 School and the Baldwin County Coaches Halls of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, as testament to the esteem in which he was
10 held, the week of January 22-29 was proclaimed "Bailey Yelding
11 Week" by the Daphne City Council President; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include his children, Alaric
13 (Chanda) Yelding, Derrick Yelding, Erika Yelding (Darryl)
14 Ford, and Cedric (Phyllis) Yelding; five grandchildren; four
15 sisters; two brothers; and a number of other relatives; he was
16 predeceased by his devoted wife, Elizabeth Yelding; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Yelding was a valued member of the
18 community whose contributions were innumerable and
19 far-reaching; although his presence will be greatly missed,
20 his legacy will endure in the hearts of those who were
21 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mayor Bailey
24 Yelding, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
25 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with
26 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
27 many.

