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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM TRACY ERVIN.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. William Tracy "Deacon" Ervin of
12 Heflin, Alabama, on April 8, 2013, at the age of 43 years; and

13 WHEREAS, his untimely death leaves a void in the
14 lives of his loving family and his many friends; he was a
15 highly regarded educator, a sportswriter for the Cleburne
16 News, and the longtime voice of Cleburne County Athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, a 1988 graduate of Cleburne County High
18 School, he earned a Degree in Elementary Education, Education
19 Administration, from Jacksonville State University and
20 embarked upon an exemplary career; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2009, he retired from the Cleburne
22 County Board of Education after 16 years of dedicated service
23 and continued to substitute teach when he was needed; he also
24 served faithfully as the Minister of Music at Mt. Olive
25 Baptist Church; and

26 WHEREAS, for more than two decades, he wrote an
27 annual column predicting the outcomes of football games, and

1 he was an avid fan of the Heflin Tigers; in addition to being
2 well-known and appreciated as the public address announcer for
3 football games, he also ran the scoreboard and kept the
4 scorebook in basketball; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ervin was a member of the National
6 Education Association, and his roles of civic leadership
7 included the Alabama Democratic Party and the Heflin Zoning
8 Board; and

9 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
10 William Ervin, III, and Verlene Erwin; grandparents, William
11 Ervin, Jr., Mary Alice Ervin, Floyd Ackles, and Elizabeth
12 Ackles; and

13 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his
14 brother, Frank Liton Ervin; eight aunts; four uncles;
15 godmother, Legurtha Westbrooks, and a number of other
16 relatives, dear friends, and admirers; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ervin was a valued member of the
18 community, a rare individual who lifted the spirits of
19 everyone he encountered, and he was known for his compassion
20 as well as his enthusiasm; although his presence will be
21 greatly missed, his legacy will endure in the hearts of those
22 who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. William
25 Tracy Ervin is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
26 is offered in highest tribute to his life along with heartfelt
27 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

