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8 MOURNING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF JUSTON GERROD MARTIN.

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10 WHEREAS, greeted with great sadness and regret is
11 news of the death of Juston Gerrod Martin at the young age of
12 22; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born May 3, 1991, in Montgomery, Alabama,
17 he was the beloved son of Jesse and Katrina (Spooney) Martin,
18 Jr.; a published poet, he graduated from Montgomery Catholic
19 Preparatory High School in 2009; he was a senior at The
20 University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where he was majoring in
21 International Business and was a candidate for membership into
22 the Eta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
23 Incorporated; he was scheduled to graduate from UA in May
24 2014; and

25 WHEREAS, Juston joined the Air National Guard as a
26 Reservist in November 2010; he often shared stories of his

1 travels, which included trips to Spain, Alaska, and New
2 Orleans; and

3 WHEREAS, Juston accepted Christ as his Savior at the
4 age of four and was a faithful member of Hutchinson Missionary
5 Baptist Church; he attended Sunday School, Youth Bible Study,
6 and served as a Youth Usher and as a diligent participant in
7 Hutchinson youth programs and activities; he attended
8 Hutchinson to fellowship with his church family on visits
9 home; an organ donor, Juston continues to give as his organs
10 have extended lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Juston leaves to cherish his memory and
12 love for life; parents; sister, Kaitlyn G. Martin;
13 grandparents, Bernice Hooks Martin (Jesse G. Martin, Sr.,
14 deceased), Joe C. (Mary Ann) Barganier, Betty Carter (Henry
15 Carter, Jr., deceased), and Jimmy (Lorraine) Bailey; aunts and
16 uncles, Nancy (James) Webster, Corinthia Spooner (deceased),
17 Joe C. (Patricia) Spooner, Jr., Femala Spooner, Claudia
18 Spooner, Christopher (Melissa) Carter, Derick Carter, Fredrick
19 Carter, Sabrina (Ervin) White, Talese Martin, Charlotte
20 Martin, Beondrige Martin, Nicole Gore, Jimmy (Rhonda) Bailey,
21 Jr., Denise (Mickey) Sankey, Tammy Riggins, Windy Bailey, and
22 Kisha Bailey; special cousins, Rosemary White, Demonika Smith,
23 Jeremy White, Jalen Spooner, and Larry Webb; a host of great
24 aunts, great uncles, cousins, and friends; most notably, his
25 friends from Montgomery Catholic Preparatory High School (2009),
26 University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, and 187th Fighter
27 Wing-Dannelly Field; and

1 WHEREAS, the premature and devastating loss of this
2 fine young man, whose life was filled with expectation and
3 promise, is an unspeakable tragedy; he was a valued member of
4 the community; although he is greatly missed, his memory will
5 be cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
6 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on behalf of the citizens of
9 the State of Alabama, the life and inspiring legacy of Juston
10 Gerrod Martin is honored as a gift of love and blessing while
11 his death is deeply and sorrowfully mourned; devout sympathy
12 is extended to his parents, family, and friends, for whom a
13 copy of this resolution is offered.