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3 By Senator Waggoner  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR40,

5 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES E. COLLINS.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with a profound sense of loss that  
8 the death of James E. Collins of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is  
9 recorded; Mr. Collins died on October 27, 2015, at the age of  
10 74; while mourning his death, we celebrate his remarkable  
11 life; known to invest in people, Mr. Collins helped, trained,  
12 and mentored many people throughout his lifetime; and

13 WHEREAS, following graduation from Greene County  
14 High School, Mr. Collins enrolled in the United States Army  
15 and served overseas; on return to civilian life, Mr. Collins  
16 joined the Alabama State Troopers, where he served for 27  
17 years, retiring in 1990 with the rank of Sergeant; Sergeant  
18 Collins then served Shelton State Community College as Head  
19 Golf Coach for several years before serving as Athletic  
20 Director; and

21 WHEREAS, during his years at Shelton, he coached the  
22 team to the Division II NJCAA National Championship; Coach  
23 Collins was named Coach of the Year NJCAA Region XXII, in  
24 1997, 1998, and 1999; he was also chosen National Coach of the  
25 Year for National NJCAA Division II Tournament; as Athletic

1 Director, Coach Collins managed the programs for 5A  
2 intercollegiate sports and managed the financial budget for  
3 the athletic program; and

4 WHEREAS, over the years in the various roles of his  
5 life: Coach, athletic director, state trooper, or in the  
6 military service, James E. Collins protected and ably served  
7 the citizens of Alabama with dignity and honor; he was a  
8 member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, past president of the  
9 Alabama State Troopers Association, and a founding member of  
10 the Tuscaloosa Gun Club; and

11 WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of James E.  
12 Collins is his wife of over 50 years, Mary Catherine McCaghren  
13 Collins; sister, Joyce Collins Orr; nieces, Darla (Ed) Moore  
14 and Brenda Orr (Larry) Guy; nephew, William Tracey (Lynda)  
15 Orr; six great nieces; one great nephew; three great-great  
16 nephews; and a host of family and friends; and

17 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community, James E.  
18 Collins, combined his character, integrity, and sportsmanship  
19 to inspire his students, family, friends, and countless  
20 others; with utmost reverence and respect, we uplift his life  
21 and legacy, which has reflected immense credit upon the entire  
22 State of Alabama; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while celebrating the life and  
25 legacy of James E. Collins, we are extremely grateful for his

1 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
2 to his inspiring life and legacy, as well as in heartfelt  
3 sympathy to his family and friends.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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