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By Representatives Daniels, Ainsworth, Alexander, Baker, Ball,
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Farley, Faulkner, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Fridy, Garrett,
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Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hurst,
Ingram, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Jones, Knight,
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McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Millican, Mooney,
Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Patterson, Pettus,
Polizos, Poole, Pringle, Rich, Robinson, Rogers, Rowe,
Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, South,
Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Wadsworth, Warren,
Weaver, Whorton (I), Whorton (R), Wilcox, Williams (JD),
Williams (JW), Williams (P), Wingo and Wood

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.
9 JOHN WESLEY HALL.
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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
12 to learn of the passing of Dr. John Wesley Hall, the beloved
13 and devoted husband of our good friend and colleague,
14 Representative Laura Hall; we uplift his inspiring life and
15 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Wesley Hall leaves a
17 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the
18 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was born September 22, 1927, in
20 Warsaw, North Carolina, to the union of the late Lib and Addie
21 Jarman Hall; at an early age, he learned the significance of
22 discipline and family values; he grew up in a Christian
23 environment and confessed his life to Christ at Smith Chapel
24 Missionary Baptist Church in Warsaw; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall received his education in the
26 Duplin County Public School System; after high school
27 graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army; he went on

1 to attend Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina, where he
2 earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education; he taught
3 Political Science in Sumter and Greenville, South Carolina,
4 for several years before pursuing further education at Ohio
5 State University, where he earned the Doctor of Philosophy
6 Degree; and

7 WHEREAS, with a passion for encouraging youth to
8 pursue a purpose-driven life, he entered the field of
9 counseling and became the Department Head of Psychology and
10 Guidance at Alabama A and M University in Normal, Alabama;
11 later, he served as a high school counselor in the Fulton
12 County Public School System in Georgia before returning to
13 Huntsville; and

14 WHEREAS, an advocate for equality, Dr. Hall
15 participated in sit-ins, marches, and demonstrations during
16 the Civil Rights Era; during this time, he met the love of his
17 life, fellow activist, Laura Vandiver; in 1973, the highly
18 regarded couple moved to Huntsville, where they continued
19 their teaching careers and became active members of St. Joseph
20 Catholic Church; they continued their unwavering commitment to
21 obtaining justice and equality for all, a path which led to
22 Laura Hall's election as State Representative for District 19;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was a member of numerous
25 organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
26 Incorporated, One Hundred Black Men of America, Alabama
27 Democratic Conference, the Alabama New South Coalition, the

1 National Education Association, Georgia Education Association,
2 and the Fulton County Education Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was a loving husband, father,
4 brother, and grandfather, and caring friend to many; he is
5 remembered for his sense of humor, ability to inspire others,
6 and love of jazz music and a good party; he touched the lives
7 of many in a special way; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; children, John
9 Wesley Hall, Jr., Phillip Eugene Ashley, and Jameka Tiombe
10 Hall; brothers-in-law, Eleziah Vandiver, Jr., and Johnny W.
11 Vandiver; sister-in-law, Mary E. Vandiver; grandchildren,
12 Jawanza Hall, Kenosha Hall, Andrea Hall, Shante Hall, Darren
13 Hall, Breanna' Hall, Shawn Hall, Tamia Johnson, and Justasia
14 Gambrell; and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins,
15 and many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was a valued member of the
17 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
18 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
19 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
22 Dr. John Wesley Hall, we are extremely grateful for his
23 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
24 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
25 his family and friends.