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3 By Representatives Sessions, Gaston, Wilcox, Williams (JW),  
4 Bracy, Buskey, Clarke, Drummond, Davis and Pringle  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.  
9 OLIVER WASHINGTON, III.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
12 to learn of the death of Mr. Oliver Washington, III, on June  
13 25, 2016, at 63 years of age; with utmost reverence and  
14 respect, we uplift his inspiring life and legacy; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Washington leaves a void  
16 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
17 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was a proud lifelong  
19 resident of Mobile, Alabama; he earned a Bachelor's Degree  
20 from Alabama A and M University in 1974 and a Master's Degree  
21 in Ornamental Horticulture from The University of Florida the  
22 following year, before returning home to Mobile County to  
23 pursue his love of production agriculture; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington entered a position with the  
25 Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station's Ornamental  
26 Horticulture Substation in Mobile and, a short time later,  
27 began work on his first greenhouse; his son, Oliver

1 Washington, IV, who serves on the Board of Directors of Mobile  
2 Botanical Gardens and as a member of Alabama A and M  
3 University's Board of Trustees, followed in his footsteps and  
4 attributes much of the plant farm's success to its loyal  
5 customer base and recent growth in the housing market; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was affectionately known as  
7 "Big Oliver" and "Ollie"; he was a faithful and devoted member  
8 of St. Rosa Lima Catholic Church; and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
10 wife of 43 years, Marie D. Washington; children, Oliver (Leah)  
11 Washington, IV, Kala (Darrell) McCollum and Marissa (Marlon)  
12 Moore; siblings, Vivian (John) Bacot, Feron Washington, and  
13 Sister Rita Washington; grandchildren, Madison and Aidan  
14 McCollum, Nadia and Malia Moore, and Noelle Washington; and a  
15 host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, and many loving and  
16 devoted friends; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was a valued member of the  
18 community who touched countless lives of Mobilians through his  
19 significant contributions; although his presence is greatly  
20 missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all  
21 those who were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
24 Mr. Oliver Washington, III, we offer this resolution in  
25 highest tribute to his profound legacy, as well as in  
26 heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.