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3 By Representative Lindsey  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF HORACE SELLERS MERRILL.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 17, 2017, of Horace Sellers Merrill of  
12 Heflin, Alabama, at the age of 80 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill was born on October 15, 1936,  
17 in Micaville, Alabama, to Emory Joseph Merrill and Grace Allen  
18 Merrill; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a 1954 graduate of Cleburne County  
20 High School; he attended Southern Union Junior College in  
21 Wadley, Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill served as Circuit Clerk of  
23 Cleburn County for 12 years and as Probate Judge and Chairman  
24 of the Cleburne County Commission for six years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill , a faithful member of Heflin  
26 Baptist Church for more than 50 years, served as a Deacon,  
27 Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Church

1 Training Director, and Sanctuary Choir member and was pastor  
2 of several area churches; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of 53  
4 years, Mary Thompson Merrill; son, Alabama Secretary of State  
5 John Harold Merrill (Cindy); daughter, Audrey Merrill Gillis  
6 (Stephen); grandchildren, Pelham Brooks Merrill, Alexandra  
7 Grace Merrill, Mary Kathryn Gillis, and Sarah Sellers Gillis;  
8 sister, Doris Sue Belcher; and brother, Stanley Merrill (Sue);  
9 he was preceded in death by his parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill was a valued member of the  
11 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory is  
12 cherished in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him;  
13 now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Horace  
16 Sellers Merrill is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
17 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
18 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
19 many.