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3 By Representative Lindsey
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 20-APR-17

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.