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3 By Representative Knight
4 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF PORSCHA ECHOLS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
11 untimely death on January 7, 2017, of Ms. Porscha Echols of
12 Montgomery, Alabama, at the age of 30 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Porscha Echols was born on July 11,
17 1986, to Valetta Robinson and Ernest Echols of Stanford,
18 California; and

19 WHEREAS, she was a graduate of James Logan High
20 School in Union City, California, where she was involved in
21 track, varsity basketball, the forensic team and president of
22 the Black Student Union; and

23 WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in
24 Elementary Education from Tuskegee University with honors in
25 2008; and

26 WHEREAS, at Tuskegee Ms. Echols was an active member
27 of the softball team, Gamma Pi Alpha, the California Club,

1 orientation leader, servant leader in Campus Outreach
2 Montgomery, Christian Sisterhood, and Fellowship of Christian
3 Athletes; and

4 WHEREAS, professionally, she taught at Lanett City
5 Schools and Montgomery County Public Schools; she was head
6 coach for Carr Middle School's 7th grade boy's basketball
7 team; and

8 WHEREAS, she was honored with the Alabama News
9 Network: Golden Apple Award for teaching in 2014, and she was
10 named one of Montgomery Advertiser's Women of the Spirit in
11 2015; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Porscha Echols was a member of Strong
13 Tower at Washington Park in Montgomery, Alabama, where she
14 served in numerous areas, including Strong Tower's first
15 deaconess and sharing the gospel to the ends of the earth on
16 mission trips to Brazil, Uganda, Thiland, Clarkston, Georgia,
17 and New York; she served as a mentor to students and parents
18 at Common Ground Montgomery and as a foster parent with
19 Montgomery County; and

20 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
21 missed, the memory of Ms. Echols will be cherished in the
22 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Ms. Porscha
25 Echols is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
26 offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to
27 her family, whose grief is shared by many.

