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3 By Senators Allen, Butler, Beasley, Albritton, Barfoot,
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5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,
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4 ENROLLED, SJR37,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES IRVING HARRISON, JR.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the
8 death of Mr. James "Jimmy" Irving Harrison, Jr., at the age of
9 87; and

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

13 WHEREAS, an astute businessman, Mr. Harrison
14 developed the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, family business into the
15 nation's second largest privately held drugstore chain, Harco,
16 Inc.; as a result, his stores were found across Alabama,
17 Florida, and Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison and his family touched the
19 lives of many; when The University of Alabama Head Football
20 Coach Nick Saban and his wife, Terry, arrived in Tuscaloosa,
21 Mr. Harrison and his wife, Peggy, were among the first people
22 to welcome them; Coach Saban noted that every member of the
23 Harrison family gives to the community; Former University of
24 Alabama President Robert Witt has stated that whenever there
25 was a need in the community, Mr. Harrison would step forward

1 and take on the responsibility, but he would not seek acclaim;
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3 WHEREAS, a very talented athlete and student, Mr.
4 Harrison graduated from high school at the age of 16; he then
5 attended Baylor Prep School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for one
6 year; subsequently, he accepted a basketball scholarship to
7 The University of Alabama; determined to follow in his
8 father's footsteps, he transferred to Howard College, now
9 Samford University, where he still holds the record for most
10 points scored in a basketball game with 48 points; he
11 graduated with honors in 1956; he received honorary doctorates
12 from The University of Alabama and Judson College as well; and

13 WHEREAS, due to the fast-growing success of Harco,
14 Inc., the business was regularly named America's Best Regional
15 Drug Chain in annual assessments by Chain Drug Review; in the
16 1980s, Mr. Harrison was named Chain Drug Store Executive of
17 the Decade; in 1985, he served as Chairman of the Board of the
18 National Association of Chain Drug Stores; Mr. Harrison
19 received many other distinctions over the years as well,
20 including being named to the Alabama Pharmacy Hall of Fame,
21 the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame, the Alabama
22 Healthcare Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Business Hall of
23 Fame; in addition, he received Samford University's Lifetime
24 Service and Distinguished Service Awards, the Citizen of the
25 Year Award from the Tuscaloosa Civitan Club, the Tuscaloosa

Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Nick's Kids Lifetime Achievement Award, among others; James I. Harrison, Jr., Parkway in Tuscaloosa was named in Mr. Harrison's honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison established the James I. Harrison Family Foundation, the Harrison Center for Academic Excellence at Judson College, the James I. Harrison Family Endowed Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellow, and the Caritas Community Service Award; some of his other accomplishments include being a member and past Chairman of The University of Alabama President's Cabinet, a founding member of Success by 6 in Tuscaloosa County, a founding member and first President of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Chapter United Way of West Alabama, and a member of the Mayor's Pre-K Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Peggy Harrison; children, Jim, III, Cissy, Ronnie, Cheri, and Kie; and 15 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly missed, the memory of Mr. Harrison will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. James "Jimmy" Irving Harrison, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with

1 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
2 many.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Allen