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3 By Senator Butler  
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES M. NEWBY, JR.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 27, 2021, of Mr. James "Jimmy" M. Newby, Jr., at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; Mr. Newby was born in Columbia, Tennessee, on April 21, 1945, to James M. Newby, Sr. and Martha Allen Newby; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newby grew up helping with the family dairy farm, baling and hauling hay, and driving a tractor; the family moved to Limestone County, Alabama, where he attended Athens High School; he was elected class president his senior year in 1963; after high school, Mr. Newby served in the National Guard for six years; he attended Athens College while in the National Guard; in 1967, Mr. Newby bought his first farm, Newby Farms; he ginned cotton from that time on; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newby spent time serving on many boards, including Limestone County Soil and Conservation,

1 Limestone Farmers Cooperative Board serving as President from  
2 2000 until now, Alabama Farmers Cooperative Board Chairman  
3 2014-2016, Nationwide Insurance, Associated Growers Gin,  
4 Bonnie Plant Board Chairman 2014-2016, Cooperative Financial  
5 Services Board Chairman 2014-2016, and Soil Conservation  
6 Service Board Vice Chairman 1998-2016; and

7 WHEREAS, his friends and family describe Mr. Newby  
8 as an avid reader, down to earth, particular in his words,  
9 always willing to lend an ear or helping hand, having a green  
10 thumb, strong as an ox, intelligent, good, honest, and  
11 hardworking; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Newby is predeceased by his parents; he  
13 is survived by his wife of 46 years, Martha Newby; daughter,  
14 Leigh Anne Toone (Shane); sons, James Newby (Lindsay) and John  
15 Newby (Monica); grandchildren, Emma Newby, Grace Newby, James  
16 Newby, Jr., Caroline Newby, Jack Newby, Isbella Newby, Cora  
17 Toone, and Paisley Toone; brother, Jerry Newby (Diane);  
18 sister, Susan Ming (Bill); and a host of several nieces and  
19 nephews and many friends; and

20 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
21 missed, the memories of Mr. Newby will be cherished in the  
22 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. James M.  
25 Newby, Jr. is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
26 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt  
27 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.

