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3 By Senators Allen, Smitherman, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts,  
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,  
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Whatley and Williams  
9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 20-APR-21

8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. LAMAR P. HIGGINS, TROY  
9 UNIVERSITY'S VICE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD OF  
10 TRUSTEES.

11  
12 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
13 death on April 15, 2021, of Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Troy  
14 University's Vice President Pro Tempore of the Board of  
15 Trustees, at the age of 61; and

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

19 WHEREAS, a native of Marbury, Alabama, Mr. Higgins  
20 was Troy University's first black Student Government  
21 Association President and first black Trustee, serving on the  
22 university's Board of Trustees for the past 25 years; in March  
23 2021, he was honored at Troy University's second annual Unity  
24 Prayer Breakfast, where Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. announced  
25 that the newly renovated ballrooms at the Trojan Student  
26 Center would bear Higgins's name; he was also a partner at

1                   Fine Geddie and Associates, a prominent Montgomery-based  
2 lobbying firm, where he served for 26 years; and

3                   WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins first served on the Troy  
4 University Board of Trustees in the late 1970s as a student  
5 representative during his junior and senior years; he became  
6 the first black member of the university's Board of Trustees  
7 in 1996; and

8                   WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins' caring heart and his steadfast  
9 commitment to serving others inspired many during his  
10 lifetime; some of his incredible achievements include serving  
11 as a key figure in establishing the Rosa Parks Museum and the  
12 John Robert Lewis Leadership Conference and in initiating the  
13 African American Leadership Conference; serving the U.S. Space  
14 and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, as Assistant to the  
15 Director and Assistant Director for Human Resources; serving  
16 as the Equal Employment Officer for the City of Huntsville;  
17 serving as Assistant Director of the Alabama Department of  
18 Economic and Community Affairs, where he supervised the  
19 department's 11 divisions and guided millions of dollars in  
20 federal grant money to cities, counties, and corporations  
21 across the state; serving as Special Assistant to the Mayor of  
22 Huntsville; serving on Senator Howell Heflin's staff; and  
23 serving as Deputy Director of the Alabama Department of  
24 Economic and Community Affairs; and

25                   WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins once stated, "I've been really  
26 fortunate to be able to come to Troy University, get a great  
27 education, and be able to come back and try to give back to

1 the university and to the community for the things that I've  
2 been fortunate enough to participate in and go through because  
3 of Troy University"; and

4 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
5 missed, the memory of Mr. Higgins will be cherished in the  
6 hearts of all who knew and loved him; the beautiful legacy  
7 that he created will indeed continue; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Lamar P.  
10 Higgins, Troy University's Vice President Pro Tempore of the  
11 Board of Trustees, is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
12 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
13 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
14 many.