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3 By Senators Allen, Singleton, 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, Smitherman,
8 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
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10 First Read: 02-FEB-22

MOURNING THE DEATH OF LONGTIME TUSCALOOSA NEWS
SPORTS EDITOR AND COLUMNIST, MR. CECIL HURT.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
the death of longtime Tuscaloosa News Sports Editor and
Columnist, Mr. Cecil Hurt of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November
23, 2021, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, Mr. Hurt was a Sports
Editor and Columnist for The Tuscaloosa News; he was born in
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and grew up in Huntsville, Alabama; he
was a graduate of The University of Alabama; he joined the
staff of the Tuscaloosa News in 1982, which was Paul "Bear"
Bryant's final season; he rose to Sports Editor in 1989 and
was the newspaper's primary Sports Columnist through the
illustrious careers of The University of Alabama's coaches Ray
Perkins, Gene Stallings, Mike Shula, and Nick Saban; and

WHEREAS, during his career at The Tuscaloosa News,
his columns covered The University of Alabama's football,
basketball, baseball, and other sports; he was part of The

1 Tuscaloosa News team that won a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of
2 the 2011 tornado that devastated Tuscaloosa; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurt received many accolades and
4 awards, including being the fifth recipient in 2019 of the Mel
5 Allen Media Award from the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame; he was
6 the 2016, 2018, and 2019 National Sports Media Association's
7 Alabama Sportswriter of the Year; he won more than a dozen Top
8 10 National Awards from the Associated Press Sports Editors in
9 several categories including Column Writing, Breaking News,
10 and Project Reporting; he received numerous state honors from
11 the Alabama Sports Writers Association, Alabama Press
12 Association, and Associated Press Managing Editors; he was
13 also honored several times with National Awards for his Column
14 Writing by the Associated Press Sports Editors, as well as for
15 Breaking News and Project Reporting; and

16 WHEREAS, along with his writing talent, he had a
17 very loyal following; his column was considered must-read
18 material for Alabama sports fans; and

19 WHEREAS, he is survived by his mother, Carol
20 Messina; brother, Cary Hurt (Aimee); and sister, Caren Hidgon
21 (Ray); and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurt was an accomplished journalist and
23 a valued member of the community and state; his presence will
24 be greatly missed by all those who were privileged to know
25 him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Cecil Hurt is

1 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in
2 tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his
3 grieving family.