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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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4 ENROLLED, SJR24,

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

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8 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
9 the death of longtime Tuscaloosa News Sports Editor and
10 Columnist, Mr. Cecil Hurt of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November
11 23, 2021, at the age of 62; and

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

21 WHEREAS, during his career at The Tuscaloosa News,
22 his columns covered The University of Alabama's football,
23 basketball, baseball, and other sports; he was part of The
24 Tuscaloosa News team that won a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of
25 the 2011 tornado that devastated Tuscaloosa; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 10-FEB-22

By: Senator Allen