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4 ENROLLED, SJR13,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL DWAYNE ERMERT.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8 death on January 12, 2022, of Mr. Michael Dwayne "Mike" Ermert  
9 of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, at the age of 60; 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, Mr. Ermert was born on June 17, 1961, in  
14 Fort Worth, Texas, to Mary Gayle Hargroder Ermert and Gene  
15 Oliver Ermert; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ermert graduated from Athens High  
17 School, where he met and fell in love with Lori Ann Gordon  
18 Ermert, and they were soon married; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Ermert earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree  
20 in Communications from The University of Alabama; as an  
21 undergraduate, he was selected as an Outstanding Junior in  
22 Broadcast and Film and as a Distinguished Military Graduate,  
23 and he was also a United States Army Reserve Officers'  
24 Training Corps Scholarship Recipient; he was a member of  
25 Lambda Chi Alpha Social Fraternity, where he served as

1 President and continued his lifetime involvement with the  
 2 fraternity in various leadership roles; after graduating, he  
 3 was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army and  
 4 rose to the rank of Captain; utilizing his communications  
 5 degree, he served as the Public Information Officer  
 6 responsible for all media coverage of the United States Army  
 7 Signal Center and Fort Gordon, both in Augusta, Georgia; he  
 8 earned numerous military awards, including the Meritorious  
 9 Service Medal; and

10 WHEREAS, upon completion of active duty, Mr. Ermert  
 11 returned to The University of Alabama and studied law; some of  
 12 his achievements included being recognized as a Hugo L. Black  
 13 Scholar; being on the Alabama Law Review, where he was elected  
 14 to the Order of the Coif, an honor for those who graduate in  
 15 the top 10 percent of their class; being in the Order of the  
 16 Barristers; proudly participating on the John A. Campbell Moot  
 17 Court Board; being a recipient of the William G. West, Jr.  
 18 Scholarship and the Neal C. Newell Scholarship; and  
 19 distinguishing himself with the Dean Thomas W. Christopher  
 20 Prize for Excellence in Wills and Trusts; and

21 WHEREAS, upon graduating from law school, Mr. Ermert  
 22 joined the Birmingham Law Firm of Hare, Wynn, Newell, and  
 23 Newton, LLP and was a practicing attorney for over 30 years;  
 24 during his career, he was a member of the Alabama State Bar,  
 25 Birmingham Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Foundation Board of

1 Directors, American Bar Association, Alabama Association for  
2 Justice, The American Association for Justice, Alabama Civil  
3 Justice Foundation, American Board of Trial Advocates, and the  
4 Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program; he served in leadership  
5 roles in most of these organizations, and he was also a much  
6 sought-after speaker at many seminars on various legal topics;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, Mr.  
9 Ermert was a dedicated member of Homewood Church of Christ for  
10 more than 30 years; he served on the Missions Committee for  
11 over 10 years; taught Bible classes and served as a leader of  
12 a major capital campaign; and met on Friday mornings with a  
13 close group of men for Bible Study, prayer, and encouragement  
14 for over 27 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ermert loved encouraging his two  
16 daughters in their numerous talents and activities, traveling  
17 with his family, being involved with his church family,  
18 helping people, attending The University of Alabama Football  
19 games, and playing golf; as an avid golfer, he was a member of  
20 the Vestavia Hills Country Club and the "Hoofers" Saturday  
21 morning golf group; he enjoyed walking the course; taking golf  
22 trips; appreciating the wonderful camaraderie of the group;  
23 and passionately enforcing the rules, which earned him the  
24 nickname, "Deputy Dawg"; additionally, he was active in  
25 various community and civic organizations, including the

1 Monday Morning Quarterback Club and the Downtown YMCA, where  
2 he served on the Board of Management; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ermert was preceded in death by his  
4 mother; and

5 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of more than 38  
6 years, Lori Ann Gordon Ermert; daughters, Alice Ermert Mottern  
7 (DJ) and Anne Lauren Ermert; father, Gene Ermert; sister,  
8 Alisa Erickson; and brother, Bart Adams; and

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Michael  
14 Dwayne "Mike" Ermert is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
15 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
16 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
17 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.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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By: Senator Waggoner