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3       By Representative Brown (K)  
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. GEORGE CLINE,  
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 10, 2022, of Dr. George Cline, Jacksonville State University Professor of Biology; 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; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as Dr. Frog by generations of students, Dr. Cline taught biology, ecology, conservation, animal behavior, herpetology, and vertebrate anatomy courses within the Jacksonville State University Department of Biology for nearly 30 years; in addition, he volunteered at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, where he was instrumental in the annual HerpFest showcasing reptiles and amphibians, and he led educational tours through the university's frog pond; he also centered his vacations around sharing his love of science, spending his summers at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to lead student research along the Gulf

1 Coast; for his dedication to the community, he was presented a  
2 Faculty Research Award in 2004 and was honored with  
3 Jacksonville State University's Cleo and Carla Thomas  
4 Outstanding Community Education and Service Award in 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Cline served as a Troop Leader for the  
6 Jacksonville Boy Scouts over the years and lent his talents as  
7 a bass singer in the United Methodist Church of Jacksonville  
8 Choir; the most important aspect of his life was his family  
9 members, who are ingrained in the university community; his  
10 wife, Brenda, serves as a teacher at the Jacksonville State  
11 University Child Development Center; his daughter, Katie, is a  
12 2018 English and communications alumna and former editor for  
13 "The Chanticleer"; and his son, Eric, is a 2020 biology  
14 alumnus and is currently a biology graduate student who is  
15 following in his father's footsteps; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Cline was very passionate about his  
17 work and his students and inspired many during his lifetime;  
18 he was a remarkable leader indeed, and his great legacy  
19 continues to live on; and

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

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. George  
25 Cline, Jacksonville State University Professor of Biology, is  
26 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in

1       tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his  
2       family, whose grief is shared by many.