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2 By Senator Chambliss

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4 SJR MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
5 COMMISSIONER W.O. PACE.

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7 WHEREAS, we note the death of Commissioner W.O.
8 "Bill" Pace with deep sadness and regret; his immeasurable
9 life is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving;
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11 WHEREAS, the passing of Commissioner Pace leaves a
12 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and
13 the entire community; and

14 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace was 90-years-old at the
15 time of his passing and is survived by his beloved wife of
16 50 years, Helen Monfee Pace; he is also survived by four
17 children and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
18 nieces, and nephews; and

19 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace was born in Deatsville,
20 Alabama, on September 1, 1932, and graduated from Sidney
21 Lanier High School in 1951; and

22 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace joined the Air Force and
23 served his country as a member of the United States Air
24 Force, serving his country in the Korean War Conflict; and

25 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace served on the Autauga



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26 County Commission and served as Commission Chairman from
27 1990 until 1994; and

28 WHEREAS, under Commissioner Pace's leadership, many
29 projects to benefit the citizens of Autauga County were
30 started or continued; these projects include the Tenaska
31 plant located in Autauga County, the Robert Trent Golf Trail
32 located in Prattville, the construction of the Autauga Metro
33 Jail, the construction of the Probate Office, and other
34 meaningful projects which continue to enrich the lives of
35 Autauga County citizens; and

36 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace served as a Board Member
37 for the Department of Youth Services; and

38 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace leaves a long legacy of
39 leadership and support for the citizens of Autauga County,
40 including serving as a founder of Autauga Academy and as the
41 first football coach at the school; and

42 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace's legacy of leadership
43 includes his daughter, Judge Joy Pace Booth, following in
44 his footsteps of service to Autauga County by first serving
45 as a District Court Judge for Autauga County and now as a
46 Circuit Court Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit, which
47 includes Autauga County; and

48 WHEREAS, through the years, Commissioner Pace
49 exhibited tireless dedication and exceptional abilities in
50 his personal life, professional life, and service to the

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51 citizens of Autauga County; and

52 WHEREAS, Commissioner Pace was a valued member of
53 the community; although he will be greatly missed, his
54 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of all who
55 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

56 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
57 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
58 Commissioner W.O. "Bill" Pace, we are extremely grateful for
59 this abundant life and meritorious service to Autauga County
60 and its citizens, and we offer this resolution in highest
61 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
62 sympathy to his family and friends.