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2 By Senators Stewart, Albritton, Allen, Barfoot, Beasley, Bell,  
3 Butler, Carnley, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman,  
4 Coleman-Madison, Elliott, Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher,  
5 Hovey, Jones, Kelley, Livingston, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed,  
6 Roberts, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman,  
7 Stutts, Waggoner, Weaver, Williams  
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1     Enrolled, An Act,

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4     SJR\_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE  
5     GEORGE PATRICK EVANS.

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7           WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
8     death of the Honorable George Patrick Evans of Selma,  
9     Alabama, on May 15, 2023, at the age of 78; 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, Mayor Evans earned a football scholarship in  
14     Kansas where he received his Bachelor of Education Degree;  
15     he earned his Master of Education Degree from the University  
16     of West Alabama; he worked as an educator with a focus on  
17     special education before becoming the first Black  
18     Superintendent of the Dallas County School System; and

19          WHEREAS, Mayor Evans was a longtime advocate and  
20     public servant for the residents of Dallas County, Alabama;  
21     after his years on the board of education, he served 16  
22     years as the first African American President of the Selma  
23     City Council; in 2008, he was elected Mayor of Selma and  
24     served two terms; and

25          WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Evans was a  
26     strong voice and tireless fighter for the city and its  
27     people; he worked to create jobs and bring vital federal  
28     resources to the city and the county; he worked to

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29       revitalize downtown Selma and unite the community; as mayor,  
30       he worked for consensus and amicable resolutions and  
31       consistently focused on improving the quality of life for  
32       the people he served; he was passionate about moving Selma  
33       forward; his steadfast leadership inspired others to lead;  
34       he was a mentor, a neighbor, and a friend to the residents  
35       of Dallas County and Selma; and

36           WHEREAS, Mayor Evans was among the most influential  
37       African Americans in basketball officiating in Alabama and  
38       the Southeast; he officiated NCAA tournament games,  
39       including an Elite Eight game; he spent more than 30 years  
40       officiating SWAC games and served as the conference's  
41       director of men's and women's officials for over a decade;  
42       and he graded officials for the SEC at The University of  
43       Alabama home basketball games; and

44           WHEREAS, after retirement from public service, Mayor  
45       Evans continued to advocate for and work with special needs  
46       children; he organized the Evans Special Benefit Fund to  
47       host an annual golf tournament to raise funds for agencies  
48       that serve special needs children in Selma and Dallas  
49       County; and

50           WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
51       missed, the memory of Mayor Evans will be cherished by all  
52       who knew and loved him; now therefore,

53           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
54       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable  
55       George Patrick Evans is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
56       resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with

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57      heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
58      many.

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