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3 By Representative Mooney  
4 RFD:  
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MACK MARTIN.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on October 15, 2021, of Mr. William "Bill" Mack Martin at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin was born to William Brooks Martin and Verdell Chapman Martin and grew up in Louisville, Mississippi, and later moved to Alabama; he graduated from Auburn University in 1969; he taught high school for two years in south Alabama; later, he began the Oak Mountain State Park Demonstration Farm in Pelham, Alabama; affectionately known as Farmer Martin, he educated thousands of school groups by shearing sheep, milking cows and goats, and giving hayrides while connecting children with Alabama's agrarian past; a perennial hard worker, Mr. Martin founded Olympic Fence and erected fencing throughout the greater Birmingham area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin served his community as a long time deacon of Lakeside Baptist Church and was appointed to the Shelby County Law Enforcement Personnel Board by the Shelby County Legislative Delegation in 1988; he enjoyed

1 hunting, fishing, gardening, landscaping, and rooting for  
2 Auburn University; he was know for his hearty friendliness,  
3 joyful laughter, and servant's heart; and

4 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents; he  
5 is survived by his wife, Alice Martin; daughters, Tamara  
6 Martin and Cathlena Martin (Stephen Bennett); sister, Sandra  
7 Dunbar (Cuyler); in-laws Harold and Rita Bube; and a host of  
8 other relatives and many friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin performed a valuable service for  
10 the people of Shelby County and was the longest serving Board  
11 Member of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Personnel Board;  
12 although his presence will be greatly missed, the memories of  
13 him will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved  
14 him; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. William  
17 "Bill" Mack Martin is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
18 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
19 heartfelt sympathy to his family.