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3 By Representative Givan
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. PRESTON PRATT, JR.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Preston Pratt,
11 Jr., on January 28, 2013, with deep sadness; his immeasurable
12 life of 65 years is celebrated and commended with
13 thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Pratt leaves a void in
15 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
16 community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, born March 28, 1947, he was the son of Mr.
18 Preston Pratt, Sr., and Mrs. Ann Venable Pratt and he
19 confessed Christ at an early age when he was baptized at
20 Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in North Birmingham,
21 Alabama; he attended G.W. Carver High School, Lawson State
22 Community College, and the University of Alabama in
23 Birmingham; he also protected and served his country in the
24 United States Army touring as a Specialist 4 in the 101st
25 Airborne Division as a paratrooper in Vietnam; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage January
27 22, 1971, to Ms. Sandra Faye Berry and this blissful union was

1 blessed with two beautiful children, a daughter, LaTonia P.
2 Pratt and a son, Preston Pratt, III; he was employed for 30
3 years with South Central Bell and served as a member of CWA
4 Legislation, the Jefferson County Labor Union, a board member
5 of Alabama Telco Credit Union, Vice President of Jefferson
6 County Labor Council, and a Legislative Chairman at CWA Local
7 3902; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
9 wife of 42 years, Sandra; two cherished children, LaTonia and
10 Preston, III; three grandchildren, Justin Pratt, Rayne Kelly,
11 and Nicolas Cope; one god-grandson, Walter McDole; two
12 sisters, Phyllis A. Pratt and Carol E. Pratt Ealons; two
13 loving aunts, Bessie Harris and Dessie Williams; an uncle,
14 David Pratt; loving mother-in-law, Mrs. Eva M. Berry; two
15 sisters-in-law, Claressie Berry Hardy and Joyce Ann Berry
16 Jenkins; brother-in-law, Robert L. Berry, Jr.; a very special
17 family friend, Mrs. Delores Greene and a grand host of nieces,
18 nephews, cousins, and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt was a valued member of the
20 community; although he will be greatly missed, his memory will
21 be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
22 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
25 Mr. Preston Pratt, Jr., we are grateful for his abundant life
26 and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his legacy
27 as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

