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3 By Senators Brooks, Glover, Barron, Beason, Bedford,
4 Benefield, Bishop, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn,
5 Erwin, Figures, French, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little
6 (Z), Marsh, Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman,
7 Poole, Preuitt, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith,
8 Smitherman, and Waggoner
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4 ENROLLED, SJR67,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER STATE SENATOR BILL
6 MENTON.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
9 received of the death of our friend and former colleague, the
10 Honorable Bill Menton, of Irvington, Alabama, at the age of 90
11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant who was
13 motivated by the desire to help people, Mr. Menton was elected
14 to the Alabama Senate in 1982 representing Mobile County's
15 District 35 and later served as a Mobile County Commissioner
16 from 1988 to 1992; he was a faithful member of St. Margaret
17 Catholic Church in Bayou La Batre; and

18 WHEREAS, an alumnus of Spring Hill College, he was
19 an outstanding athlete with scholarships in football,
20 basketball, and baseball, and he is a member of two Halls of
21 Fame, the Spring Hill College Badger Hall of Fame and the
22 Mobile Sports Hall of Fame; after graduation in 1942, he
23 coached at the college in the 1940s and at UMS High School for
24 several years, prior to embarking on a career in law
25 enforcement with an emphasis on making a difference in the

1 lives of troubled youth; while working as a Mobile County
2 juvenile probation officer, he helped establish a juvenile
3 division for the Mobile County Sheriff's Office; in addition,
4 he also served with distinction as police chief for Bayou La
5 Batre and in 1975 and 1976 served as a crime prevention
6 officer for Mobile County Public Schools; in 1996, Mr. Menton
7 became executive director of the Alabama Fraternal Order of
8 Police; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Menton and his wife were among the
10 founders of Mobile Area Retarded Citizens in the late 1950s
11 and also helped establish Little League Baseball in Mobile
12 around the same time; he also served in various other
13 positions throughout his long career including a time as
14 general manager of the Mobile Tarpons minor league football
15 team and assistant general manager of the Mobile A's minor
16 league baseball team; and

17 WHEREAS, a devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Menton was
18 bestowed the honor of Knight of Saint Gregory by Pope John
19 Paul II at the nomination of Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Menton established a popular radio
21 sports program and was the voice of the Mobile Bears
22 throughout the 1940s and 1950s, covering high school football
23 games and hosting a popular scoreboard show on radio during
24 football games on Saturday evenings; and

1 WHEREAS, he was an accomplished master of ceremonies
2 and was a most sought-after banquet personality in Mobile for
3 decades; above all, he never learned the meaning of the word
4 "no" when asked to help with someone's child, a charity, or
5 any worthy cause; and

6 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
7 wife of 65 years, Carmen Santana Menton; eight children; six
8 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Menton earned widespread respect for
10 his commitment and exceptional abilities as he worked
11 tirelessly for his fellow citizens; through the years, he made
12 a positive impact on the lives of countless young people, and
13 while his presence will be missed, his legacy will endure for
14 future generations; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable
17 Bill Menton is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
18 is offered in highest tribute to his life of achievement and
19 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 17-FEB-10

By: Senator Brooks