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HJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY
LAWSON ROBINSON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
death on March 17, 2023, of former Representative Johnny
Lawson Robinson; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was born on March 22, 1950, in
Dawson, Alabama; he was the youngest of three children born
to Thelma Inez Lawson and Horace Clay Robinson; and

WHEREAS, a 1968 graduate of Geraldine High School, he
was the youngest Deputy Sheriff in DeKalb County at age 16;
he attended Jacksonville State University and earned a
Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson attended the Birmingham School
of Law and graduated in 1984, while working full time at the
District Attorney's office; and he was elected to the
Alabama State Legislature in 1994 where he served until 2014
before retiring from public service; and

WHEREAS, he formally exonerated the wrongly accused
Scottsboro Boys, recruited U.S. Gypsum to Bridgeport,
established the Senior Rx program, sponsored the bill that
created the James Martin Wildlife area and co-sponsored the



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29 bill dedicating a section of I-65 as "The Lost Highway"; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was a faithful and dedicated
31 member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church; his favorite Bible
32 verse was Luke 12:48, "For everyone to whom much is given,
33 much shall be required; and of him to whom men entrust much,
34 they will require and demand all the more"; and

35 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother,
36 Thelma Inez Robinson, father, Horace Clay Robinson; and
37 brother, Larry Robinson; and

38 WHEREAS, survivors include his son, Lawson Robinson;
39 sister, Annette Robinson and niece, Amy Robinson; and a host
40 of other relatives and friends; and

41 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly
42 missed, the memory of Mr. Robinson will be cherished in the
43 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore;

44 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
45 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of former
46 Representative Johnny Lawson Robinson is recorded with deep
47 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to his
48 life and with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief
49 is shared by many.