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8 HONORING AND COMMENDING THE LATE CARL ATWOOD  
9 ELLIOTT.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with great pride and honor that we  
12 celebrate the life and legacy of the late Carl Atwood Elliott;  
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14 WHEREAS, Carl Atwood Elliott was a United States  
15 Congressman from the old 7th District of Alabama; he was  
16 elected to eight consecutive terms, having served from 1949 to  
17 1965; and

18 WHEREAS, born in rural Franklin County in the hills  
19 of northwest Alabama, he was a graduate of Vina High School;  
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott received his Bachelor's Degree  
22 and his Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, as an attorney in Jasper, Mr. Elliott spent  
24 most of his time representing coal miners and their families,  
25 foreshadowing his long political career of fighting for  
26 Alabama's poorest, most disadvantaged people; he proudly

1 served his country in the United States Army from 1942 to  
2 1944; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1956, Carl Elliott authored the Library  
4 Services Act, which brought mobile libraries (Bookmobiles) and  
5 continuing library service to millions of rural Americans; in  
6 1958, he co-authored the National Defense Education Act, which  
7 has enabled more than 30 million college students nationwide  
8 to obtain student loans; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his law practice, Mr.  
10 Elliott wrote books about local history, producing columns and  
11 book reviews for area newspapers, and publishing books by  
12 local authors; his books include five volumes of Annals of  
13 Northwest Alabama, a history of Red Bay, Alabama, and seven  
14 volumes on the history of area coal miners; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1990, Carl Elliott became the first  
16 recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award in  
17 recognition of his outstanding achievements; he was honored to  
18 travel to Boston, Massachusetts, to accept the award from  
19 United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy; his autobiography,  
20 The Cost of Courage: The Journey of An American Congressman,  
21 published in 1992, has been reprinted by The University of  
22 Alabama Press; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Johnny Mack Morrow reflects  
24 on the life Carl Elliott with the tribute, "My father, Grover  
25 Morrow, was a boyhood friend of Carl Elliott. When Carl was  
26 elected to Congress, I was 6 years old. Carl would often visit  
27 our home and talk politics with my father while he was a

1        congressman. I would sit for long periods of time and listen  
2        to these discussions. The base of my political ideology today  
3        was definitely built and based upon these discussions between  
4        my father and Carl. Carl lived his life helping the underdog  
5        or assisting the 'least of these!'; now therefore,

6                    BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7        HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in tremendous gratitude, we  
8        commend and honor the life and legacy of Carl Atwood Elliott.