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7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,
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10 Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W),
11 Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton, Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Polizos, Poole, Rich,
15 Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Wilcox, Williams (D),
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL (US ARMY RETIRED)
WILLIAM EDWARD CALLENDER, SR.

WHEREAS, we note the death of Colonel (US Army Retired) William Edward Callender, Sr., on January 17, 2014, with deep sadness; his immeasurable life of 76 years is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Colonel (US Army Retired) Callender leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, born in Mobile, Alabama, on September 17, 1937, he was the son of Alton Brooks and Ouida Adelle (Everett) Callender; he was a 1956 graduate of Murphy High School and a 1960 graduate of The University of Alabama, and he earned graduate degrees from Kansas State University and the University of South Alabama; he and his beloved and devoted wife, Jacqueline, married in 1958, and he embarked upon his distinguished military career in 1960; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel (US Army Retired) Callender served
2 multiple tours in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart,
3 Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal, and the
4 Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star Medal; in 2006, he received
5 the Gulf Coast Veteran of the Year Award; after his military
6 career, he entered a second career, during which he was
7 employed with the University of South Alabama and the Baldwin
8 County School Board; in retirement, he and Jacqueline moved to
9 Orange Beach, Alabama, where he spent his time serving on the
10 Battleship Commission, advocating for veterans, traveling, and
11 fishing; he was an avid fan of Alabama football; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel (US Army Retired) Callender was
13 affectionately known as Bill, Billy, Willy, Dad, Granddaddy,
14 and most often as "THE" Colonel to family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; three
16 daughters, Ginger (Jay) Hawkins, Cyndi Callender, and Tammy
17 (Jeff) Hadley; 12 grandchildren; and eight
18 great-grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his sister,
19 Magalyne Bell; brother, Al Callender; and his son, William
20 Edward Callender, Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel (US Army Retired) Callender was a
22 valued member of the community; although his presence is
23 greatly missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and
24 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now
25 therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of

1 Colonel (US Army Retired) William Edward Callender, Sr., we
2 are immensely grateful for his abundant life, and we offer
3 this resolution in highest tribute to his inspiring legacy, as
4 well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.