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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. NOAH STANLEY ELKINS.

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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep sadness the death of Mr.
11 Noah Stanley Elkins of Florence at the age of 85 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins was born in Tuscumbia and lived
13 most of his life in the Shoals area; just prior to his planned
14 graduation from Deshler High School, he joined the United
15 States Army and served honorably in the Pacific Theater of
16 World War II; returning home in 1946, he resumed his work as a
17 mortician in Florence and attended veterans' classes until
18 completion of his high school diploma; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins earned a reputation as a
20 professional yet gentle man who comforted thousands of
21 grieving families during his long career as a mortician; he
22 was elected Lauderdale County Coroner for three terms and
23 briefly served as County Sheriff; he served in a number of
24 capacities with professional organizations, including as
25 president of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association, as
26 president of the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, and as

1 Alabama's only district governor of the National Funeral
2 Directors Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins was a beloved member of the
4 First United Methodist Church of Florence, American Legion
5 Post 11, VFW Post 5180, and the Florence Rotary Club; after
6 professionally retiring in 1990, he continued his service to
7 others as a volunteer at ECM Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins was preceded in death by his
9 sister, Ethel Sands, and brothers, Reginald Elkins, M.A.
10 Elkins, and George Elkins; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins is survived by his loving wife
12 of 63 years, Mildred Holland Elkins; daughter, Jean (Steve)
13 Elizabeth Elkins Chenault; son, William Stanley Elkins;
14 grandchildren, Abbey (Steve) Blair Chenault Thompson, Stephen
15 (Vickie) Elkins Chenault, William Stanley Elkins, II, and
16 Holland Noah Elkins; great-grandchildren, Maggie Elizabeth
17 Thompson, Gracie Brooke Thompson, Hunter Garrett Thompson, and
18 Margaret Lucille "Lucy" Thompson; nieces, nephews, and his
19 Dachshund, Daisy; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Elkins' passing is a great loss to his
21 family and members of the community who will remember him as a
22 man who embraced what life had to offer and returned the best
23 of himself; the memory of his abundant and inspiring life will
24 be treasured in the hearts and minds of many; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That with appreciation and
27 gratitude, the life of Mr. Noah Stanley Elkins is honored in

1 this special tribute, and by copy of this resolution, deepest
2 condolences are extended to his family.