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3 By Representatives Ledbetter, Ball, Daniels, Henry, Mooney,
4 Rowe, Patterson, Tuggle, Rich, Whorton (R), Butler, Hanes and
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8 CELEBRATING THE INSPIRING LIFE AND LEGACY OF NEWS
9 PIONEER CAREY BAKER.

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11 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we
12 uplift the inspiring life and legacy of news pioneer Carey
13 Baker, who died February 29, 2016, at 68 years of age; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was born to the union of John and
18 Rebecca Baker and grew up in Crossville, Alabama; he graduated
19 from Crossville High School in 1964 and enrolled at The
20 University of Alabama at age 16; he attended UA for two years,
21 before eventually moving to Rainsville, Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker embarked upon his distinguished
23 career in journalism in the sports department of The Sand
24 Mountain News in Rainsville in the late 1960s; he and his
25 coworkers established the first network to cover local sports
26 in DeKalb County; after a few years, he left The Sand Mountain
27 News to start his own newspaper, Tri-County Rural News in

1 Fyffe, Alabama, before eventually returning to The Sand
2 Mountain News; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Baker established a newspaper
4 that became The Weekly Post; in 1996, he left the newspaper
5 business, and began work in 2000 with Farmer's Wireless; and

6 WHEREAS, civically involved, Mr. Baker served as
7 Chair of the Rainsville Industrial Board, Vice Chair of the
8 Rainsville Agri-Center Board, a member of the Rainsville
9 Medical Board, and President of the Rainsville Lions Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker is remembered as an incredible
11 mentor who enthusiastically gave back to the community and as
12 a one-of-a-kind person who lived an exemplary life and was
13 full of encouragement and praise for others; he was an
14 affectionate husband, father, and grandfather who truly made
15 the world a better place by being in it; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was a valued member of the
17 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
18 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
19 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
22 Mr. Carey Baker, we are extremely grateful for his abundant
23 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
24 inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his
25 family and friends.