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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF PAUL O'NEAL RITCHIE.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Paul O'Neal Ritchie of Tuscaloosa,
12 Alabama, on February 13, 2012, at the age of 80 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, with much faith, he was a longtime member
17 of Calvary Baptist Church and supported numerous ministries
18 and community endeavors; he loved his Savior, Jesus Christ,
19 and was a devoted husband and father; gardening gave him great
20 joy and he was well-known for his heirloom tomatoes; he was an
21 avid fan of anything related to The University of Alabama; he
22 left a legacy of integrity; and

23 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
24 wife, Gladys M. Ritchie; his daughter, Terri Jane Ritchie; and
25 his sister, Rosemary Pearce; he was preceded in death by his
26 son, Paul O. Ritchie Jr., and his brothers, Harold Dean
27 Ritchie and Wendell Ritchie; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Ritchie was a valued member of the
2 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
3 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
4 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Paul O'Neal
7 Ritchie is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
8 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
9 sympathy to his grieving family.