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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ARNOLD HORNBUCKLE.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mr. Arnold Hornbuckle of Huntsville,  
12 Alabama, on January 31, 2012, at the age of 84 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Hornbuckle leaves a void  
14 in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
15 entire community, where he was highly regarded as a  
16 broadcasting pioneer, business entrepreneur, and civic leader;  
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18 WHEREAS, born on March 18, 1927, in Huntsville, he  
19 was the son of Weston Neal and Lillie Mae Hornbuckle; as a  
20 teenager, he developed an interest in music that eventually  
21 led to the opening of his first retail business, Hornbuckle's  
22 Record Shop, an enterprise that quickly expanded to include  
23 musical instruments and home entertainment electronics; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1959, he founded WAHR-FM radio station,  
25 the first FM station in Alabama that was not previously  
26 associated with an existing AM radio station, and over a  
27 40-year period, his broadcast facility became one of the

1 consistently highest rated stations in North Alabama; in  
2 addition, his retail businesses continued to expand over the  
3 years; in 2009, he was inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters  
4 Association Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, his roles of community leadership included  
6 being a founding member of the Space City Lions Club and  
7 dedicated service on the boards of the YMCA, Chamber of  
8 Commerce, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Huntsville  
9 Rehabilitation Foundation, Burritt Museum, and Better Business  
10 Bureau; he was a member of the First Baptist church in  
11 Huntsville and was very active with the Mended Hearts  
12 organization; and

13 WHEREAS, survivors include two sons, Ronnie  
14 Hornbuckle and Guy Hornbuckle, and one brother, Austin  
15 Hornbuckle; in addition to his parents, he was predeceased by  
16 a brother, Murlen Hornbuckle; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hornbuckle was a valued member of the  
18 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his  
19 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who  
20 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Arnold  
23 Hornbuckle is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
24 is offered in highest tribute to his life, along with  
25 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.