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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. BASAL D. BAKER.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. Basal D. Baker of Hokes Bluff,
12 Alabama, on March 24, 2011, at the age of 87 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Baker leaves a void in
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
15 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
16 he attended East Gadsden Church of Christ; and

17 WHEREAS, born in Eva, Alabama, he served with honor
18 and distinction in the United States Navy during World War II
19 and retired from Gulf States Steel with 38 years of service;
20 Mr. Baker and his wife operated Baker's Service Station in
21 Hokes Bluff for several years; in his spare time, he loved to
22 bird hunt, fish, and farm; and

23 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his beloved
24 wife of 60 years, Mary Pillitary Baker; his parents, Guy and
25 Nila Baker; brother, Leon (Hester) Baker; and sister, Jimmie
26 (Auby) Turner; and

1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughters, Glenda
2 (Charles) Atchley and Carolyn Baker; grandchildren, April
3 (Tim) Pate and Eric (Mindy) Kirkpatrick; great-grandchildren,
4 Mackenzie, Sidney, and Eric Michael Kirkpatrick; sisters, Iva
5 Dean Dale and Yvonne (Jerry) Hall; brother, Paul (Vangie)
6 Baker; brother-in-law, Ben (Ida Jo) Pillitary; and a host of
7 nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker was a loving husband, father, and
9 grandfather; although his presence will be missed, his memory
10 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
11 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Basal D.
14 Baker is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
15 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
16 to his grieving family.