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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DR. MILTON BOOTH PEELER.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Dr. Milton Booth Peeler of Huntsville,
12 Alabama, on March 18, 2011, at the age of 84 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. Peeler 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;
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17 WHEREAS, born on March 21, 1926, he was the son of
18 Phillips Woodson Peeler and Marjorie Booth Peeler and
19 graduated from Huntsville High School as valedictorian; and

20 WHEREAS, after serving with honor and distinction in
21 the United States Army Air Forces during and after World War
22 II, he earned undergraduate and medical degrees from
23 Vanderbilt University; following internship and residency at
24 Vanderbilt, Dr. Peeler returned to Huntsville in 1956 to
25 establish his pediatric practice and later cofounded
26 Huntsville Pediatric Associates, where he practiced until his
27 retirement in 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Peeler served as president of the
2 Madison County Medical Society, the Huntsville Academy of
3 Medicine, and the Tennessee Valley Pediatric Society, as well
4 as chief of staff at Huntsville Hospital; he was involved in
5 polio eradication efforts, early childhood education, and
6 primary care training, among other interests; and

7 WHEREAS, his roles of community leadership included
8 service on a number of boards and commissions, including the
9 Girls' Club; he chaired the administrative board, finance
10 committee, staff-parish relations committee, and board of
11 trustees at First United Methodist Church, where he was a
12 lifetime member; and

13 WHEREAS, in retirement, Dr. Peeler cultivated his
14 interests in gardening, piano, reading, golf, and travel, in
15 addition to delivering Meals on Wheels and spoiling his
16 grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 61 years,
18 Betty Driver Peeler; five children, Patricia (Joel) Marshall,
19 David (Cindy) Peeler, Virginia Peeler, Betty Booth Peeler, and
20 Sarah Tatum; and six grandchildren, Jennifer and Adam
21 Marshall, Blanton Tatum, and Andrew, Emily, and Elise Peeler;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Peeler was a valued member of the
24 community; he will be sorely missed by family and friends as
25 well as thousands of his former patients, whom he treasured
26 and always treated with gentleness and skill; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Dr. Milton Booth
3 Peeler is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
4 offered in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
5 sympathy to his grieving family.