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3 By Representative Ford  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE OLLIE WILSON  
9 NABORS.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss  
12 that news is received of the death of our friend and former  
13 colleague, the Honorable Ollie Wilson Nabors, of Gadsden, on  
14 February 21, 2010, at the age of 83 years; and

15 WHEREAS, during the 1960s, Mr. Nabors served  
16 effectively in both the Alabama House of Representatives and  
17 the State Senate, representing Etowah County, and he made  
18 countless contributions to the entire state in a number of  
19 additional capacities; he was a prominent and influential  
20 leader in civic and religious life as well as a highly  
21 respected lawyer, businessman, and banker; and

22 WHEREAS, born July 1, 1926, he graduated from  
23 Glencoe High School in 1944, where he was an standout football  
24 and basketball player; after serving his country with honor  
25 and distinction in the United States Navy during World War II,  
26 Mr. Nabors entered The University of Alabama and earned a law  
27 degree, graduating with honors in 1950; as a student leader,

1 he was elected to the prestigious honorary societies ODK and  
2 Quadrangle, among others, and he was the first student editor  
3 of the Alabama Law Review; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabors practiced law in Gadsden prior  
5 to entering politics in 1962, first winning election to a  
6 four-year term in the Alabama House of Representatives,  
7 followed by a four-year term in the State Senate; he was  
8 recognized as an outstanding debater, and the hallmark of his  
9 legislative career was his persistent support of public  
10 education; he received many awards and honors for exceptional  
11 service to education and his fellowman; and

12 WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he began teaching  
13 Sunday School at the age of 12; he was a longtime deacon of  
14 First Baptist Church of Gadsden and was appointed to assist in  
15 establishing the MeadowBrook Baptist Church; among his many  
16 civic and professional affiliations, he was a leader in the  
17 Rotary Club, a charter member of Directors of the Industrial  
18 Development Board of the City of Gadsden, and past president  
19 of the Etowah Bar Association; and

20 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his wife,  
21 Leatha Thornton Nabors; daughter Peggy N. and husband, Roger  
22 Higgins; granddaughter, Jana H. and husband, Mike Tarleton;  
23 grandson, Eric Higgins and wife, Elizabeth Noble Higgins; four  
24 great-grandchildren; brother, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)  
25 Robert Gene Nabors and wife, Bobbie Coleman Nabors; and  
26 numerous additional relatives; he was preceded in death by his  
27 parents, Wallace Scott Nabors and Lola Atkins Nabors, and

1 brothers, Wallace Atkins Nabors, Thomas Lenford Nabors, and  
2 Lamar Monroe Nabors; also preceding him in death were Mildred  
3 Peppers Nabors and Mara Sharp Nabors; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabors was a consummate public servant,  
5 and few men have equaled his record of contributions to his  
6 fellowman; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of the Honorable  
9 Ollie Wilson Nabors is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
10 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him, along with  
11 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.