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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ALVIN CONRAD SELLA.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. Alvin Conrad Sella of
12 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 13, 2013, at the age of 93
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family and his many friends; he was an
16 internationally acclaimed artist and art educator who
17 influenced many lives; and

18 WHEREAS, born on August 30, 1919, in West Hoboken,
19 New Jersey, he studied at Yale School of Fine Arts, the Art
20 Students League of New York, Columbia University School of the
21 Arts, Syracuse University College of Fine Arts, and University
22 of New Mexico Department of Art; and

23 WHEREAS, from 1944-1947, he lived and painted in San
24 Miguel de Allende, Mexico; he later moved to Bristol,
25 Virginia, where he was Artist-in-Residence and headed the Art
26 Department of Sullins College; in 1960, he joined the Art

1 Department faculty at The University of Alabama, retiring in
2 1996 but continuing to teach drawing until 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sella had numerous one-man shows at
4 galleries including several in New York City and at the
5 Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City; among his awards and
6 honors, he received the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa Druid Arts
7 Award and the prestigious Governor's Arts Award presented by
8 the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

9 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his wife, Maria
10 Zavala Sella; parents, Joseph and Mary Aimone Sella; and
11 brother, Eugene Sella; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include three sons, David Anthony
13 Sella (Karen Lawson), Alvin Michael Sella (Mary Lyle), and
14 Nicholas Eugene Sella (Mary Alves); and two grandchildren,
15 Nicholas Eugene Sella, Jr., and Anna Kathryn Sella; and

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

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Alvin Conrad
22 Sella is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
23 offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is
24 shared by many.