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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 ELI DENSON ADKINS.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of
12 Mr. Eli Denson Adkins of Gadsden, Alabama, on January 3, 2018,
13 at 80 years of age, and we uplift his legacy with utmost
14 reverence and respect; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Eli Denson Adkins leaves
16 a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and
17 the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Eli Denson Adkins was born August 2,
19 1937, in Goree, Texas, and grew up in Plainview, Texas; he
20 graduated from Plainview High School in 1955; he proudly
21 served in the United States Navy from 1955 until 1959; he
22 returned home and married his beloved and devoted wife of 58
23 years, Donna Gail Billington in 1959; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins studied court reporting at
25 Lipperts Business College; he served as court reporter in
26 Marshall County for about five years; he moved to Etowah
27 County in the late 1960s and enjoyed a long, successful career

1 as a court reporter for the Honorable James B. Waid, the
2 Honorable William Cardwell, and the Honorable Will Clay; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Adkins never met a stranger and greeted
4 friends and family with a smile and warm hug; and

5 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; daughters,
6 Randee Adkins Cole and Julie Adkins Martin; grandson, Eli
7 Joseph Cole; granddaughter, Rachel Hannah Martin; sisters,
8 Joan Lagerstram and Nonie McClure; brothers, Weldon Adkins;
9 and Jim Adkins; many nieces and nephews; his Etowah County
10 Courthouse family, whom he dearly loved; and his lifelong
11 friends he made in the Navy; he was preceded in death by his
12 parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Adkins; and brother, Billy Guy
13 Adkins; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Eli Denson Adkins leaves
15 a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and
16 the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
19 Mr. Eli Denson Adkins, we are extremely grateful for his
20 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
21 of his memory, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
22 and friends.