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3 By Representatives Merrill, England, Poole and Harper
4 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THOMAS CALVIN HANNAH.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with a deep sense of sadness and
11 regret that we note the death of Thomas Calvin Hannah of
12 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on June 5, 2011, at the age of 81 years;
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14 WHEREAS, a lifelong Tuscaloosa resident, Mr. Hannah,
15 with his favorite Nikon camera in hand, artfully photographed
16 and documented the daily life and history of West Alabama and
17 The University of Alabama, particularly the athletic
18 department, through his 44 years of faithful service as chief
19 photographer for The Tuscaloosa News; and

20 WHEREAS, during his accomplished lifetime, Mr.
21 Hannah captured realistic glimpses of countless political,
22 athletic, and entertainment figures who lived in the second
23 half of the twentieth century, and had a distinguished career
24 as a member of the National Press Photographers Association;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and
27 a man of devout Christian faith, Mr. Hannah was a deacon at

1 both Rosedale and Calvary Baptist Churches, and was recognized
2 as an outstanding Alumnus of Tuscaloosa County High School;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hannah is preceded in death by his
5 parents, Vernie Wilson and Mattie Hayes Hannah; in-laws who
6 loved him like a son, David M. and Mamie Ingram Spinks; and
7 first wife, Betty Windle Hannah and their infant son; and

8 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving
9 wife of 56 years, Margaret; daughters, Diane Hannah (Mike)
10 Blocker, Debbie Hannah (Carey) Skinner, and Donna Hannah (Joe)
11 Tinsley; siblings, James Wilson (Sheila) Hannah and Sarah
12 Hannah (Louis) DeLoche; and five grandchildren, Carol Blocker
13 (David) Bullock, Lindsey Blocker (Kyle) Garmon, Hannah Skinner
14 (Justin) King, Joseph Calvin Tinsley, and Will Adams Tinsley;
15 and three great-grandchildren in whom he delighted, Anna Kate
16 Bullock, Hayes Baker Garmon, and Isabella Claire Garmon; now
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we are deeply saddened by the
20 death of Thomas Calvin Hannah of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and by
21 copy of this resolution, we extend heartfelt sympathy to his
22 family and friends, whose sorrow we sincerely share.