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9 Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons,
10 Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis,
11 Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy,
12 McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin,
13 McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow,
14 Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson (J),
15 Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,
16 Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd,
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CHARLIE WILSON
9 OF TEXAS.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the passing of
12 former United States Congressman Charlie Wilson of Texas at
13 the age of 76 years; and

14 WHEREAS, a native of Trinity, Texas, Congressman
15 Wilson graduated from Trinity High School in 1951 and from the
16 United States Naval Academy in 1956; he went on to a
17 distinguished stint as a surface fleet officer and was later
18 reassigned to the Pentagon as part of a special intelligence
19 unit; and

20 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson was elected to the Texas
21 Legislature in 1961 and the United States House of
22 Representatives in 1971; he served in the House of
23 Representatives until retirement in 1996; and

24 WHEREAS, a flamboyant and charismatic archetypical
25 "Texas" character, Mr. Wilson served on the powerful
26 Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs, from which
27 positions he pursued his particular interest in promoting

1 United States interests abroad; he is best known for his role
2 in engineering the defeat of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan,
3 for which he has been honored in print and on film;
4 Congressman Wilson fought for years to increase aid and
5 support to Afghan guerillas against America's greatest
6 international rival; and

7 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson's vision and leadership
8 in the Afghan affair contributed immeasurably to hastening the
9 end of the Cold War by denying the Soviet Union's desired
10 domination of south Asia and damaging the former Super Power's
11 reputation for military superiority; in 1993, seven years
12 after the Soviet defeat, 100 members of the Central
13 Intelligence Agency, including CIA Director James Woolsey,
14 awarded Congressman Wilson the Honored Colleague award, the
15 first such presentation to anyone outside the intelligence
16 service; and

17 WHEREAS, Congressman Wilson had since retired to
18 Lufkin, Texas; he is survived by his wife, Barbara Alberstadt
19 Wilson; and sister, Sharon Allison; and

20 WHEREAS, it is right and proper that all Americans
21 honor Congressman Wilson for his contributions to victory in
22 the Cold War and national security in general; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life and service of the
25 Honorable Charlie Wilson are hereby celebrated in this special
26 tribute and that, by copy of this resolution, we extend our
27 heartfelt gratitude and condolences to his family.

