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7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,
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12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel,
13 McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore
14 (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas
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8 HONORING H. BRANDT AYERS: AYERS LECTURER.

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10 WHEREAS, we note with great appreciation that H.
11 Brandt Ayers, Chairman and Publisher of Consolidated
12 Publishing Company, will deliver the Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers
13 Lecture at Jacksonville State University on March 25, 2010;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Ayers Lecture Series, which is named
16 for Mr. Ayers' parents, began in 1988 and has featured such
17 journalistic luminaries as Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., Howell
18 Raines, Judy Woodruff, and Rick Bragg; the topic of Mr. Ayers'
19 lecture is "50 Controversy-Free Years as an Alabama
20 Journalist;" and

21 WHEREAS, a native of Anniston, Mr. Ayers is a
22 graduate of The University of Alabama; after a two-year stint
23 in the United States Navy, he embarked on what has been a long
24 and distinguished career in journalism; and

25 WHEREAS, early in his career, Mr. Ayers worked as a
26 reporter and correspondent with a number of newspapers

1 throughout the South, but it is as a publisher and owner of a
2 number of Alabama newspapers that we know him best; and

3 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Ayers has received
4 professional and civic awards too numerous to mention; he has
5 been a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and Gannett Fellow
6 at Columbia University and was awarded the Doctorate of Humane
7 Letters by The University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1996;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, we are privileged by the opportunity
10 recognize Mr. Ayers for his remarkable achievements; now
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life, career, and
14 accomplishments of H. Brandt Ayers are hereby honored in this
15 special tribute and that, by copy of this resolution, we
16 extend our sincere best wishes for continued success.