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3 By Representative Millican
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER PROBATE JUDGE BILLY C.
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11 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
12 news of the death of former Winston County Probate Judge Billy
13 C. Ford of Haleyville, Alabama, on February 19, 2011, at the
14 age of 82 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Ford leaves a void in
16 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
17 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded
18 as a civic leader and dedicated public servant; he was a
19 lifetime member of Corinth Heights Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and
21 distinction in the United States Army, Special Forces - 82nd
22 Airborne, during the Korean War, and also served in the Army
23 National Guard; and

24 WHEREAS, elected to three six-year terms, Mr. Ford
25 held the position of Winston County Probate Judge for 18 years
26 in addition to serving 16 years on the Winston County
27 Commission; he was a 42-year member of Haleyville Masonic

1 Lodge No. 464, attaining the rank of 33rd Degree Mason, and
2 was elected as Grand Master of Alabama in 2002; he was also
3 active in the Chamber of Commerce; the Lions Club; the Alabama
4 Probate Judges Association, and the Alabama Republican Party,
5 serving on the Executive Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Evelyn Lorene
7 "Penny" Ford; children, Mitzi (Charles) Patrick and Mia
8 (Kevin) Swann; sisters, Mildred Finley and Patsy Wilson; and
9 grandchildren, Hunter and Dillon Posey; and

10 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
11 Isaac L. and Irene Ford; brother, Coyce Ford; and
12 brothers-in-law, Quinon Finley and John Wilson; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was known for his leadership,
14 character, compassion, and being a mentor to friends; although
15 his presence will be missed, his memory will be cherished in
16 the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of former Winston
20 County Probate Judge Billy C. Ford is recorded with deep
21 sadness, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to
22 his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving
23 family.