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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILEY E. HAMMOND, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. Wiley E. Hammond, Jr., of Union
12 Grove, Alabama, on March 20, 2011, at the age of 82 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Hammond leaves a void in
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
15 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond was a skilled blacksmith for
18 approximately 40 years, most of which were spent shoeing
19 horses for harness racing in Louisville, Kentucky; he also
20 took pride in having shod a horse owned by Jay Silverheels,
21 the actor who played the role of Tonto in the Lone Ranger
22 television shows; Mr. Hammond was trained as a blacksmith by
23 his father and taught the craft to both his sons; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond had been a resident of Union
25 Grove for some 20 years, having grown up in Nashville,
26 Tennessee; he served with honor and distinction in the United
27 States Army and saw combat during the Korean War; he then

1 worked briefly as a civilian before joining the United States
2 Air Force, where he served for 12 years; he was of the Baptist
3 faith and loved fishing and woodworking; and

4 WHEREAS, he is survived by two sons, Willie E.
5 (Marcie) Hammond, III, and Matthew W. (Terry) Hammond; one
6 daughter, Sonja (Eddie) Abernathy; two brothers, Jerry (Kay)
7 Hammond and William (Lenny) Hammond; two sisters, Loretta
8 Hammond and Letty Pearl Boucher; four grandchildren and five
9 great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond was a valued member of the
11 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory
12 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
13 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Wiley E.
16 Hammond, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
17 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with
18 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.