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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF GEORGE LINDSEY.

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10 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we  
11 receive news of the death of George Lindsey on May 6, 2012, at  
12 the age of 83 years; and

13 WHEREAS, an internationally acclaimed actor and  
14 comedian, George Lindsey was a native Alabamian and played  
15 football at the University of North Alabama, where he  
16 maintained a loyal connection through the years and was  
17 awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1992; in  
18 addition, a film festival bearing his name is held at UNA each  
19 year, and the George S. Lindsey Theatre is named in his honor;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, after graduating from what was then  
22 Florence State Teachers College in 1952, he served with honor  
23 and distinction in the United States Air Force for three years  
24 and worked one year as a coach and history teacher in the  
25 Huntsville area before making his Broadway debut; and

26 WHEREAS, he was most widely known as the lovable  
27 Goober Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show" (1964-1968), "Mayberry

1 RFD" (1968-1971), and "Hee Haw" (1971-1993), but his credits  
2 include a multitude of stage and movie roles, as well as  
3 memorable episodes of "The Twilight Zone," "The Alfred  
4 Hitchcock Hour," "Gunsmoke," and "MASH," among many others;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, along with his success as a character actor  
7 of exceptional range, George Lindsey earned esteem as a  
8 compassionate humanitarian whose good works made a difference  
9 in countless lives; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout his professional life, he  
11 remained active in charitable and cultural events in Alabama,  
12 including establishing the George Lindsey Academic  
13 Scholarships at his alma mater; in addition, his George  
14 Lindsey Celebrity Golf Tournament in Montgomery raised more  
15 than one million dollars for Alabama Special Olympics over a  
16 17-year period beginning in 1973; his further accomplishments  
17 include being instrumental in raising more than \$400,000 for  
18 the George Lindsey Aquatic Center at the Alabama State  
19 Hospital for the Mentally Retarded; and

20 WHEREAS, few individuals have equaled the  
21 far-reaching philanthropic contributions of George Lindsey,  
22 who came from humble beginnings and attained the heights of  
23 celebrity by combining hard work with God-given talent, while  
24 never forgetting to provide for the less fortunate among us;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
27 missed, his legacy will long endure, and those who knew him

1 will continue to find it impossible to think of the  
2 kind-hearted and beloved Goober without being moved to smile;  
3 now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of George Lindsey is  
6 recorded with deepest sorrow, and this resolution is offered  
7 in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
8 to his family, whose grief is shared by many.