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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND GLENN L. VERNON.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Reverend Glenn L. Vernon of Citronelle,
12 Alabama, on April 29, 2012, at the age of 78 years; and

13 WHEREAS, born on September 13, 1933, in Dogwood,
14 Alabama, he was an excellent student and a talented actor,
15 graduating from Murphy High School in 1951, and receiving his
16 Bachelor of Science Degree in English and Drama from
17 Mississippi College; he went on to graduate school at
18 Louisiana State University and the University of North
19 Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

20 WHEREAS, he taught at Mars Hill College in Mars
21 Hill, North Carolina, worked at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
22 in Black Mountain, North Carolina, and was production manager
23 for The Lost Colony in Manteo, North Carolina, before singing
24 and dancing his way to Europe in a USO tour in 1962; he lived
25 and worked in Germany for four years for the American
26 Education Association and, in his lifetime, he visited 28
27 countries on four continents and 49 states; and

1 WHEREAS, from 1966-1999, he served as Director of
2 the Mobile Baptist Citronelle Assembly; in 1972, he founded
3 Camp SMILE (Special Meaning in Life's Experiences), his
4 proudest accomplishment, in which he was actively involved
5 until his death; he was also a leader in community
6 organizations and civic boards in the City of Citronelle, and
7 served as the Music Director at Searcy Hospital, on the Board
8 of Directors of the Mobile Association of Retarded Citizens,
9 and as a Field Representative of the Alabama Baptist
10 Convention to the Isabel MOWA Indian Fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his four children, Gordon
12 Vernon, Laura (David) King, Elizabeth Vernon, and Tayo (Amy)
13 Fadeji; granddaughters, Britney King and Sarah King; brothers,
14 Ronald Vernon and George Vernon; and sister, Pamela Vernon; he
15 was predeceased by his beloved wife of 40 years, Sylvia
16 Vernon; and

17 WHEREAS, devoted to family, faith, and his
18 fellowman, Reverend Vernon was a valued member of the
19 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
20 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
21 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend Glenn
24 L. Vernon is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
25 is offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt
26 sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.