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3 By Representative Laird  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. MIKE WHEELLES.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Mike Wheelles of  
11 Ashland, Alabama, on April 23, 2013, with deep sadness; his  
12 immeasurable and precious life of 61 years is celebrated and  
13 commended with great thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Wheelles leaves a void in  
15 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire  
16 community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Clay  
18 County, Mr. Wheelles graduated from Clay County High School in  
19 1969 and was employed with the Ashland Housing Authority, the  
20 Alabama National Guard 127th Medical Group, and as an agent  
21 with Liberty National Insurance; an icon first responder in  
22 Ashland and Clay County, he served the Clay County Rescue  
23 Squad for many years and as Chief of the Ashland Fire  
24 Department for 20 years; notably, he was instrumental in the  
25 launch of Clay County's E911 Agency; and

26 WHEREAS, an avid Clay County High School football  
27 fan, Mr. Wheelles served as the school's public address

1 announcer for 20 years; he enjoyed portraying a number of  
2 roles in the local community theatre; and

3 WHEREAS, a humorous man, Mr. Wheelles was known for  
4 his jokes, pranks, and enthusiastic storytelling; a devoted  
5 husband, father, and grandfather, he deeply cared for others  
6 and was a member of First Baptist Church in Ashland and Jimmy  
7 Allen's Sunday School Class; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife, Betty  
9 Kay Wheelles; two daughters, Lori McCain (Tommy) and Michelle  
10 Thompson; one son, Brandon Pollard; four sisters, Nadine  
11 Kennedy, Ida Randall, Mamie Kennedy, and Glenda Amason; two  
12 brothers, W.C. Wheelles and John Wheelles; and five  
13 grandchildren, Kaley McCain, Caden McCain, Ivy McCain, Masen  
14 Marshall, and Carter Thompson; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheelles was a valued member of the  
16 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory  
17 is cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
18 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
21 Mr. Mike Wheelles, we are grateful for his abundant life, and  
22 we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his inspiring  
23 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and  
24 friends.