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11 Johnson (W), Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long,
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13 McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell,
14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren, Patterson,
15 Payne, Polizos, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson
16 (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver,
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COLONEL WILLIAM RAYMOND BEAN.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss
11 that we mourn the death of Colonel William Raymond "Ray" Bean
12 of Montgomery, Alabama, on January 18, 2014, at the age of 70
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family and his many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, born on September 1, 1943, in Alexander
17 City, Alabama, he graduated high school in Wetumpka and earned
18 a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Administration from Auburn
19 University in 1966, Master's of Education in International
20 Relations from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1989,
21 and Master's of Public Administration from Auburn University
22 at Montgomery in 1995; he was actively involved in many
23 university programs such as the Student Government
24 Association, Theta Chi Fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, he completed Armed Forces Staff College in
2 1979, Air War College in 1983, and Industrial College of the
3 Armed Forces in 1988; and

4 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction in the
5 United States Air Force as a navigator, stationed in many
6 locations including Vietnam, where he was shot down during a
7 mission over North Vietnam and became a Prisoner of War on May
8 23, 1972; upon his release from his POW prison after ten
9 months, he attended Pilot Training School in Texas, flying the
10 powerful F-4 Phantom with 358 combat missions and more than
11 3,000 total flying hours; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was the recipient of a number
13 of well-deserved medals and decorations, including the Legion
14 of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Valor,
15 Purple Heart with One Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Defense
16 Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service Medal with Two OLC,
17 Air Medal with 14 OLC, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with
18 Valor with Four OLC, Air Force Organizational Excellence
19 Award, Prisoner of War Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National
20 Defense Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star (BSS),
21 Vietnam Service Medal with Three BSS, Air Force Overseas Short
22 Tour Ribbon with One OLC, Air Force Longevity Service Award
23 with Six OLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force
24 Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with
25 Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

26 WHEREAS, after an exemplary 30-year career that took
27 him all over the globe, his final assignment with the Air

1 Force brought him and his family to Maxwell Air Force Base,
2 Alabama, where he served as the Director of Doctrinal
3 Development and Seminar Director, Department of Strategy,
4 Doctrine and Air Power, at the Air War College; he later
5 retired and joined the Civil Air Patrol, serving as Director
6 of Cadet Programs for nine years; and

7 WHEREAS, in retirement, he enjoyed golf, Auburn
8 University football, traveling, fishing, weekly Bible study,
9 and volunteering at the Alabama Department of Archives and
10 History in Montgomery; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 37
12 years, Mindy Rodgers Bean; daughter and son-in-law, Peyton and
13 Tyler Turner; granddaughter, Olivia; brothers, Paul, Al, and
14 David; and sister, Cindy; and

15 WHEREAS, Colonel Bean was a valued member of the
16 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
17 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
18 fortunate to know him; and

19 WHEREAS, Colonel Ray Bean's military service as a
20 decorated navigator and fighter pilot served his nation in the
21 highest tradition of our United States Military, and he will
22 be honored by internment in Arlington National Cemetery on
23 April 9, 2014; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Colonel William
26 Raymond Bean is recorded with deep sadness, and this
27 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with

1 heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and a grateful
2 nation.