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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL JACKSON DARWIN,
9 III.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
12 the death of Mr. Samuel Jackson "Buddy" Darwin, III, of
13 Huntsville, Alabama, on March 11, 2014, at the age of 75
14 years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Darwin was highly regarded throughout
18 Madison County, a sixth-generation, lifelong farmer and owner
19 of Pine Lawn Farm; he was also founder and owner of Heart of
20 Dixie Popcorn and Supply and Darwin Development; he believed
21 in giving back to the community and to the agriculture
22 industry and served on many boards and committees through the
23 years in addition to holding the top offices of professional
24 organizations; and

25 WHEREAS, he was one of the leaders of the American
26 Agriculture Movement in the early 1970s and 1980s and was
27 among the thousands of farmers who drove tractors to

1 Washington, D.C., in 1979, to protest low commodity prices; he
2 also participated in the annual Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll for
3 many years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Darwin was a member of Central
5 Presbyterian Church; his hobbies included hiking, traveling,
6 history, and genealogy, and he was also an Auburn football
7 fan; and

8 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
9 Samuel Jackson Darwin, Sr., and Margaret McCollough Darwin;
10 brother, George William Darwin, and aunt, Octovia Saunders
11 Darwin; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include his devoted wife of 54
13 years, Frances Lamb Darwin; son, Barton Jackson (Amber
14 Bentley) Darwin; daughter, Sammie Darwin (Bentley Ray) Walls;
15 five grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and a number of other
16 relatives; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Darwin was a valued member of the
18 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory
19 will be cherished in the hearts of those who were fortunate to
20 know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Samuel
23 Jackson Darwin, III, is recorded with deep sadness, and this
24 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with
25 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
26 many.