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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THOMAS LOCKWOOD MCVAY.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. Thomas Lockwood McVay of Tuscaloosa, Alabama,
12 on January 21, 2014, at the age of 84 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, a 1948 graduate of Baylor Military Academy,
16 he was educated at The University of Alabama and worked for
17 the United States Bureau of Mines for 38 years as a
18 Metallurgist responsible for the safety of all coal and gold
19 mines throughout the entire nation; and

20 WHEREAS, well-known for his love of history and his
21 expertise as an appraiser of Civil War accoutrements and World
22 War II collectibles, he spent time in Gettysburg as a
23 historical appraiser for the Horse Soldier; he was also
24 instrumental in organizing the Flying Tigers AVG and CNAC 40th
25 Reunion in 1982; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. McVay devoted many decades to studying
27 and researching history and was an active member of the Sons

1 of the American Revolution; along this journey, he made
2 lifelong friends across the country who shared his passion for
3 history; and

4 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his father and
5 mother, Dr. Thomas Newkirk and Leta McVay, and sisters, Mary
6 Jane McVay Allen and June McVay Veal; and

7 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 63 years,
8 Virginia Scott McVay; daughters, Bonnie McVay Teel Adams
9 (John) and Susan McVay Graves (Timothy); grandsons, Ryan McVay
10 Teel, Thomas Hunter Graves, and Kyle McVay Graves;
11 granddaughter, Marcia Teel Ridpath; and great-grandchildren,
12 Emily and Robert Teel and Frankie Ellen Ridpath; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. McVay was a valued member of the
14 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
15 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
16 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Thomas
19 Lockwood McVay is recorded with deep sadness, and this
20 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with
21 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
22 many.