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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES PARHAM BRIGGS.

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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are saddened to learn
11 of the death of James Parham Briggs, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama,
12 on February 22, 2014, at the age of 86; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs was born in Cairo, Illinois, to
14 the late James Henry Briggs and Parham Leath Briggs; he
15 graduated from Humbolt High School, where he was a standout
16 athlete, President of the student body, and Tennessee Boys
17 State Representative; he attended the University of Tennessee
18 in Knoxville and graduated from Lambuth University with a B.
19 S. degree in Business Administration; and

20 WHEREAS, following his service in the United States
21 Navy, which lasted through World War II, Mr. Briggs became
22 involved in various businesses, including in the resort, real
23 estate, and hospitality business; he became the general
24 manager of Gulf States Paper Corporation in Tuscaloosa and
25 worked with Jack Warner in the development of the North River
26 Yacht Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs is survived by his beloved wife
2 of 64 years, Pat Williams Briggs; daughter, Patrice Briggs
3 (Jimmy) Sloan; son, Dr. James Judson (Tammy) Briggs; nine
4 grandchildren, Kristen Dietrich (Doug) Godfrey, Dr. Karen
5 Dietrich (Jonathan) Walker, Kathryn Dietrich (Andrew)
6 Perreault, Rebecca Allison Briggs, James Judson Briggs, James
7 Hunter Briggs, Sarah Elizabeth Briggs, Angel Sloan Freeman,
8 and Amy Sloan Fontenot; and seven great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs was a member of the Apollo Club
10 and the Opinions Group; at age 40, he became an accomplished
11 horseman and rode with the Long Green Hunt Club of Memphis; he
12 served on the Board of the Germantown Horse Show in
13 Germantown, Tennessee, for many years; and

14 WHEREAS, although he is greatly missed, his legacy
15 will continue and his memory will be cherished in the hearts
16 and minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know him;
17 now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
20 James Parham Briggs, we are immensely grateful for his
21 precious life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
22 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
23 and friends.