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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FRANK CALLOWAY.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we mourn
11 the death of Mr. Frank Calloway of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who
12 passed away on Monday, September 1, 2014, at the
13 self-proclaimed age of 118 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Calloway was born on July 2nd sometime
15 between 1896 and 1913 in Montgomery, Alabama; he spent his
16 life as a laborer, working mostly on farms, logging, and
17 building roads; and

18 WHEREAS, he developed a love for drawing and art as
19 a small child, but the long hours working prevented him from
20 pursuing his passion; it was not until he was about 86 years
21 old that he got serious about his art and he hit his stride
22 with his artwork at the age of 112; and

23 WHEREAS, his drawings were done on sheets of butcher
24 paper, sometimes more than 30 feet long, and depicted rural
25 agricultural scenes with buildings, trains, and vehicles
26 straight out of the early 20th century; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Calloway was diagnosed with
2 schizophrenia in 1952, so he spent much of his life living in
3 state mental health facilities; he was the longest living
4 resident known to the state mental health system and the
5 longest resident to live in a state hospital; he was moved to
6 a community living facility in 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a lively and well-loved member of
8 the mental health community; anyone who knew anything about
9 mental health in the state knew of Mr. Calloway and his
10 artwork; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we record the death of Mr.
13 Frank Calloway with deep sadness, and by copy of this
14 resolution we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and
15 friends, whose grief is shared by many.