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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. SIDNEY LEIGHTON MCDONALD.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of our friend and former
11 colleague, Mr. Sidney Leighton McDonald on Friday, May 15,
12 2015, with deep sadness and regret; his invaluable life of 76
13 years is commended and celebrated with great thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. McDonald leaves a void
15 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the
16 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was born May 18, 1938, as
18 God's blessing to the blissful union of L.D. and Marie Oliver
19 McDonald; he was educated in the Arab Public School System and
20 graduated from The University of Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, with tireless dedication and an unwavering
22 commitment to excellence, Mr. McDonald reflected immense
23 credit upon the entire State of Alabama while serving as a
24 State Representative and State Senator from Marshall County,
25 as State Finance Director, and President Pro Tempore of The
26 University of Alabama System Board of Trustees; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald provided expert guidance and
2 leadership as President of the Brindlee Mountain Telephone
3 Company for much of his life; he later founded DeltaCom Long
4 Distance Services, Inc., and served as Chairman of the Board
5 of Intergraph Corporation; his passion for golf culminated in
6 his founding of Cherokee Ridge Country Club and his dedication
7 to its growth and success; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald generously gave to the
9 community and led a number of civic and charitable
10 organizations throughout his life in Arab, Alabama; he was
11 staunchly committed to the promotion of good government;
12 playing the piano was one of his great passions; personable
13 and self-effacing, he prized time spent with his friends, to
14 whom he was fiercely loyal; he was a beloved and devoted
15 husband and affectionate father and grandfather whose pride in
16 his family was boundless; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors include his lovely wife, Jane;
18 children, Foster McDonald (Ginney), Kelly McDonald Thomas
19 (David), Wes McDonald (Natalie); grandchildren, Matthew,
20 Oliver, and Drew McDonald, Burnham and Sydney Hawk, Quinn
21 Wesley McDonald; stepchildren, Judge Liles Burke (Natalie),
22 and Ashley Burke Spethman (Milo); and step-grandchildren,
23 David Ernest Thomas, III, Mary Margaret, Madeline, and Milo
24 Spethman, II, and Camilla Jane and Claud Liles Burke, II; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald was a valued member of the
26 state; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory is

1 cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
2 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
5 Mr. Sidney Leighton McDonald, we are extremely grateful for
6 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
7 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
8 sympathy to his family and friends.