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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MONTGOMERY BUSINESSMAN,
9 POLITICAL STRATEGIST, AND PHILANTHROPIST WILLIAM MALCOLM
10 BLOUNT, III.

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12 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we mourn
13 the death of Montgomery businessman, political strategist, and
14 philanthropist William Malcolm Blount, III, on February 9,
15 2015; we commend and celebrate his invaluable life of 71 years
16 with tremendous thanksgiving; and

17 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Blount leaves a void in
18 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
19 community, where he was highly regarded; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was born in Albany, Georgia, on
21 December 14, 1943; he attended Cloverdale Grammar and Junior
22 High Schools in Montgomery, where he excelled at both sports
23 and academics, and graduated from Episcopal High School in
24 Alexandria, Virginia, where he participated in track and
25 football; he pursued undergraduate studies at The University
26 of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and earned an MBA from the
27 Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was instrumental in the early
2 successes of the Alabama Republican Party, which he served as
3 Chair; as a Republican candidate for Governor in 1994 and
4 1998, he brought Education and Civil Justice Reform to the
5 forefront of the primary discussion; he founded Leadership
6 Alabama and helped propel the early successes of the Business
7 Council of Alabama and the A+ Education Partnership; he served
8 as a volunteer for the Montgomery YMCA, on the boards of the
9 Alabama Power Company and the Business Council of Alabama, and
10 as Chair of BCA's Progress PAC and of the Central Alabama
11 Community Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Blount cultivated a distinguished
13 career as CEO of Blount International, Ltd; and

14 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved and devoted
15 wife, Riley Sikes Blount; children, Winton M. Blount, IV,
16 (Diana), Stuart Blount Yelverton (Noble), William Edward
17 Waters Blount (Jessica), Judkins Durr Blount (Martha), Samuel
18 Reading Sikes Blount, and John Chapman McLeod Blount; 11
19 grandchildren; sister, Katherine Blount; three brothers,
20 Thomas A. Blount, Samuel R. Blount, and Joseph W. Blount;
21 mother-in-law, Carolyn Carmack Sikes; brother-in-law, Stanley
22 Britt Sikes, Jr.; aunt, Frances Blount; family friend, Annie
23 Ruth Means; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; he was
24 preceded in death by his parents, Winton Malcolm "Red" Blount
25 and Mary Katherine Archibald Blount; and by his first wife,
26 Beverley Waters Blount; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Blount is remembered for his positive
2 outlook and love of laughter, political stories, and time
3 spent with his children playing football; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was a valued member of the
5 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
6 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
7 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
10 Mr. William Malcom Blount, III, we are extremely grateful for
11 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
12 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
13 sympathy to his family and friends.