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4 Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn, Figures,  
5 Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Marsh,  
6 McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
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8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JONATHAN WESTERVELT WARNER.

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10 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
11 to learn of the death of Jonathan Westervelt (Jack) Warner of  
12 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 18, 2017, at 99 years of age;  
13 and

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

17 WHEREAS, Jack Warner was born in Decatur, Illinois,  
18 on July 28, 1917, to Herbert David Warner and Mildred  
19 Westervelt Warner; and

20 WHEREAS, he graduated from Culver Military Academy  
21 in Culver, Indiana, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree  
22 in Business Administration from Washington and Lee University;  
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24 WHEREAS, Jack Warner served in the United States  
25 Army as a commissioned officer with the Mars Task Force in the  
26 Burma Theater of Operations; and

1           WHEREAS, Jack Warner served as President, Chairman,  
2 and CEO of Gulf States Paper Corporation over a span of 50  
3 years, creating a quality leader in the American paper  
4 industry; and

5           WHEREAS, his many professional and cultural  
6 affiliations include Chairman and President of the Alabama  
7 Chamber of Commerce, member of the National Board of the  
8 Smithsonian Institute, Trustee Emeritus, Washington and Lee  
9 University, Alabama Academy of Honor, and the Alabama Business  
10 Hall of Fame; and

11           WHEREAS, Jack Warner was well-known for his generous  
12 philanthropy extended to many causes including The University  
13 of Alabama, Auburn University, Culver Military Academy,  
14 Washington and Lee University, First Presbyterian Church, the  
15 United Way, and the City of Tuscaloosa; and

16           WHEREAS, in 2010, Jack Warner received the Frederic  
17 Edwin Church award for assembling one of the greatest private  
18 collections of American art, including hundreds of paintings,  
19 furniture, and decorative art objects representing  
20 masterpieces of American art from the 18th century through the  
21 early decades of the 20th century; and

22           WHEREAS, he was also recognized in 2011 by the  
23 naming of the Jack and Susan Warner Hudson River Gallery in  
24 the Metropolitan Museum of American Art in New York City; and

25           WHEREAS, Mr. Warner was preceded in death by his  
26 first wife, Elizabeth Butler Warner; his son, David T. Warner;

1 his parents; and siblings, H. David Warner, Jr., and Joan  
2 Warner VanZeLe; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of 10  
4 years, Susan G. A. Warner; his sister, Helene Hibbard; his  
5 son, Jonathan Westervelt Warner, Jr.; grandchildren, Cade,  
6 Westervelt, and Hannah Warner; and stepsons, Patrick W. Austin  
7 and P. J. Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Jonathan Westervelt Warner was a valued  
9 member of the community and the state; although his presence  
10 is greatly missed, his memory is cherished in the hearts and  
11 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now  
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
15 Jonathan Westervelt (Jack) Warner, we are extremely grateful  
16 for his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest  
17 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt  
18 sympathy to his family and friends.