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8 MOURNING THE DEATHS OF MR. WALLACE LAMAR BROWN AND  
9 MRS. BOBBY JEAN BROWN.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
12 deaths on January 9, 2018, of Mr. Wallace Lamar Brown and Mrs.  
13 Bobby Jean Brown of Inez, Texas, at the ages of 91 and 85,  
14 respectively; and

15 WHEREAS, their passing leaves a void in the lives of  
16 their loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
17 where they were highly regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown was born on May 26, 1932, to  
19 Reuben Randall Green and Ellie Mae Caffey Green in Banks in  
20 Pike County, Alabama; and

21 WHEREAS, she worked as a Dental Hygienist; was  
22 active in many facets of community life including the hospital  
23 auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial  
24 Dames XVII Century, Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of Indian  
25 Wars; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1999, Mrs. Brown was appointed to be the  
27 KDS DAR School, Administrator and Chairman of the Board; in

1 2001 she was honored by the Girl Scouts of North Alabama with  
2 their Women of Distinction Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace Brown was born on September 21,  
4 1926, to William Louis Brown and Nancy Bama Henderson Brown in  
5 Banks in Pike County, Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, at age 17, he served in the Alabama Guard  
7 and subsequently was a pilot in the United States Air Force  
8 for over 23 years; during his military service, he was  
9 captured and spent over 32 months in a Chinese prison; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown wrote a book, "The Endless  
11 Hours", about his experiences as a Prisoner of War; to keep  
12 his sanity, he built houses in his mind, one plank at a time;  
13 when he was released he actually built the house he designed  
14 in his mind while in prison; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown earned his Masters Degree in  
16 Mechanical Engineering and worked as Chief Engineer, Metric  
17 Systems Corporation, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and in  
18 private practice in Guntersville until retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, his professional and civic affiliations  
20 included member of Air Commando Association, Retired Officers  
21 Association, Reserve Officers Association; he was awarded the  
22 Air Force Commendation Medal and the Prisoner of War Medal;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married for 67  
25 years; they spent their last years together and with their  
26 children and grandchildren; and

1                   WHEREAS, although their presence will be greatly  
2 missed, the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be cherished in  
3 the hearts of all who knew and loved them; now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the deaths of Mr. Wallace  
6 Lamar Brown and Mrs. Bobby Jean Brown are recorded with deep  
7 sadness, and this resolution is offered in tribute to their  
8 lives and with heartfelt sympathy to their family, whose grief  
9 is shared by many.