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8 RECOGNIZING RUDDER FUNERAL HOME ON ITS 103RD  
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are herein proudly  
12 presented to Rudder Funeral Home on the momentous occasion of  
13 its 103rd Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, the highly esteemed family business traces  
15 its roots to 1914 when "Mr. Jack" Rudder and Colonel Ben Ellis  
16 started a venture that provided caskets and a horse-drawn  
17 hearse service; and

18 WHEREAS, "Mr. Jack" Rudder became sole owner of  
19 Rudder Funeral Home upon the death of Colonel Ben Ellis and  
20 expanded and modernized the business in 1927 with the purchase  
21 of a motorized hearse; and

22 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, second generation A.G.  
23 "Dinky" Rudder began working at Rudder Funeral Home and  
24 completed mortuary school at Gupton-Jones in Nashville,  
25 Tennessee, in 1932; and

26 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, third generation John  
27 E. Rudder, began working at Rudder Funeral Home and completed

1 his education at Gupton-Jones in Nashville in 1957; he worked  
2 alongside his father, A.G. "Dinky" Rudder, until the passing  
3 of A.G. "Dinky" Rudder in August 1967; and

4 WHEREAS, the fourth generation began to work in the  
5 family business in 1977, and John Cook Rudder graduated  
6 Mortuary School in Birmingham at Jefferson State Community  
7 College in 1982; and

8 WHEREAS, the Rudders purchased and began renovating  
9 the old Word Funeral Home in Scottsboro, Alabama, in April  
10 1983; Rudder Funeral Home hosted open house on Sunday, June 1,  
11 1984; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2002, fifth generation Lucas Rudder  
13 began working at the funeral home, and he graduated from  
14 Jefferson State Community College in 2008; and

15 WHEREAS, the distinguished women of the Rudder  
16 family have made considerable contributions to the development  
17 of Rudder Funeral home as well; Mary Anna Rudder, wife of A.G.  
18 "Dinky" Rudder established a flower shop near the funeral home  
19 when it was located near the old Simpson home; a new flower  
20 shop was built behind the funeral home when it relocated to a  
21 new facility in 1975; and

22 WHEREAS, through the years, the Rudder family has  
23 earned widespread admiration and respect for their tireless  
24 dedication and exceptional abilities; they have exceeded  
25 expectations in providing the community with remarkable  
26 service; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Rudder Funeral Home is highly  
3           honored and commended on the occasion of its 103rd  
4           Anniversary, and this resolution is offered to the Rudder  
5           family in deepest admiration and appreciation for their  
6           immeasurable service, as well as with sincere best wishes for  
7           continued success in all future endeavors.