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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 SAMUEL RAY STAFFORD.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret to learn of the death of
12 Mr. Samuel Ray Stafford of Ballplay, Alabama, on January 15,
13 2018, at 75 years of age, and we uplift his life and legacy
14 with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, an Etowah County, Alabama, native and
19 lifelong resident, he was a faithful and dedicated member of
20 Lebanon Church of Christ; he was a member of the United States
21 Army while stationed in Germany for three years; he
22 accumulated over 32 years of service at the Gadsden steel
23 plant before it closed; he enjoyed fishing with his best
24 friend, Ray Floyd, and gardening and sharing vegetables with
25 family and friends; and

26 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
27 wife of 51 years, Linda Thrasher Stafford; son, Harold Ray

1 Stafford; sisters, Carolyn (Bobby) Finley and Patricia Abbott;
2 special cousin, Charles (Joyce) Dollahite; special niece,
3 Sherri Padgett (Brian) Abney; he was preceded in death by his
4 parents, Samuel Mack Stafford and Cleo Faye Dollahite
5 Stafford; infant brother, Gerald R. Stafford; sister, Wanda
6 Stafford Willett; special uncle, Leo Dollahite; and special
7 grandmother, Della Dollahite; and

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
14 Mr. Samuel Ray Stafford, we are extremely grateful for his
15 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
16 to his legacy, as well as with heartfelt sympathy to his
17 family and friends.