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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF ROBINSON J. "BOB" WARD, JR.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on March 20, 2018, of Mr. Robinson J. "Bob" Ward, Jr.,  
12 at the age of 83 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, a native of Birmingham, he graduated from  
17 Shades Valley High School; he earned his Bachelor's Degree in  
18 Journalism from Auburn University; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward was the author of four  
20 space-related books, the last being "Dr. Space," a 2005  
21 biography of Wernher von Braun, and was co-author of another;  
22 he held posts at The Huntsville Times ranging from reporter to  
23 managing editor in chief during his 43 years with the  
24 newspaper before retiring in 2000; and

25 WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous statewide news  
26 and feature-writing awards, he also received The University of  
27 Alabama College of Communications's 1966 Outstanding

1 Journalism Alumnus Award; he was past president or board  
2 chairman of the Alabama Associated Press Association, the  
3 Chamber of Commerce Huntsville/Madison County, the Leadership  
4 2000 program, Huntsville Press Club, Acme Club; and a longtime  
5 member of The Huntsville Rotary Club; and

6 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents,  
7 Robinson J. and Laura Margaret Leland Ward; and sister, Vivian  
8 "Bobby" Shannon; and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of 60  
10 years, Barbara Ann Byrne Ward; daughter, Nancy Ward Glasgow  
11 (Steve); sons, Michael Dennis Ward (Cathy) and Robert Hanly  
12 Ward; grandchildren, Hanly, Molly, and Evan Ward; brother,  
13 John P. "Johnny" Ward; and a host of other family and friends;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
16 missed, the memory of Mr. Ward will be cherished in the hearts  
17 of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Robinson J.  
20 "Bob" Ward, Jr., is recorded with deep sympathy, and this  
21 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
22 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
23 many.