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3 By Senator McClendon
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN L. GRANGER.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mr. John L. Granger of Talladega, Alabama, on May 5, 2019, at the age of 93 years; his passing leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, he was born in 1925 in Houston County, Alabama, to John and Ruby Granger; he went to Talladega to enter elementary school at the Alabama School for the Blind; at ASB he made lifelong friends, played trumpet in Eugene Landreth's band, and at his death was the longest serving member of the ASB Alumni and Workers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Granger's desire in life was to open doors for people who are blind; he began his career at Alabama Industries for the Blind in Talladega; later, he and his family moved to Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where he established Royal Maid Association for the Blind, the national demonstration industry affiliated with National Industries for the Blind; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Granger retired from Royal
2 Maid and returned to Talladega; he was an active member of the
3 First United Methodist Church, the Alumni and Workers
4 Association of Alabama School for the Blind, and Alabama
5 Council for the Blind; he served on the advisory board for the
6 Regional Library for the Blind, and he was appointed to the
7 Board of Trustees for Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind; in
8 2008, the board added the name John Granger to the McFaden
9 Industries for the Blind Complex in Talladega; and

10 WHEREAS, he was an avid horseman; he enjoyed
11 woodworking, including restoring old chairs, refinishing
12 furniture, making stools and birdhouses; at the age of 93,
13 with help from his daughter and son-in-law, he was able to
14 build and distribute his famous log cabin birdhouses; and

15 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his parents; his
16 beloved wife of 65 years, Mary Davis Granger; and son, John
17 Charles Granger; his survivors include his children, Roy
18 Granger (Joyce), Jeanne Perkins (Bill), Cathy Sparkman
19 (Billy), and Martha Olvera (Russell); grandchildren, Scott
20 Sparkman (Stacy), Leslie Johnson (Rob), Matt Perkins (Rebecca
21 Keaton), Lauren McCook (Matt), Christie Smith (Jimmie),
22 Jennifer Widger (Steve), John Granger (Mindy), Chuck Granger,
23 and Jake Granger (Molly); 18 great-grandchildren; and a host
24 of other relatives and many friends; and

25 WHEREAS, he greeted each day with humor, enthusiasm,
26 respect, love, and a plan; although his presence will be

1 greatly missed, the memory of Mr. Granger will be cherished in
2 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. John L.
5 Granger is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
6 offered in tribute to his life and with heartfelt sympathy to
7 his family, whose grief is shared by many.