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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. FRED GENTRY.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 news is received of the death of Mr. Fred Gentry, a longtime
12 resident of Gadsden, Alabama, on January 24, 2010, at the age
13 of 82 years; and

14 WHEREAS, widely known and loved as Fred L., he grew
15 up in Cullman, Alabama, and graduated in 1948 from Cullman
16 High School, where he was a standout football player; Mr.
17 Gentry was a proud patriot who served his beloved country with
18 honor and distinction in the United States Navy during World
19 War II; in addition, he later served in the United States Air
20 Force during the Korean Conflict and was in North Korea on the
21 historic occasion when the Chinese crossed the Yalu River; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry was a retiree of the steel
23 plant, where he had worked in the plate mill for the
24 electrical department; he was a faithful member of Rainbow
25 Church of Christ as well as serving as an Edenwood
26 neighborhood father who enjoyed teaching children to water
27 ski, fish, and go on camping excursions; during the 1950s, he

1 was appreciated for supplying many local families with the
2 antennas necessary for television viewing; and

3 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his son, Steve
4 Gentry; daughter, Anita Kinsey; special son, Ken Kinsey;
5 sister, Willodean Turner; grandchildren, Braxton Cody Kinsey,
6 Chance Grace Kinsey, Chad Kenneth Kinsey, and Sage Alana
7 Gentry; and many nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his wife of 48
9 years, Mary Ruth Gentry; brothers, C. B. Gentry, Walter
10 Gentry, and Rufus Gentry; and sisters, Opal Allen and Gladys
11 Burgess; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry was a valued member of the
13 community whose presence will be greatly missed by those who
14 were privileged to know him during the span of his long and
15 productive life; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Fred Gentry
18 is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered
19 in highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
20 to his grieving family.