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4 Barton, Davis, Kennedy, Mitchell, Fincher, Allen, Baker (A),
5 Baker (L), Ball, Bandy, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black,
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7 Curtis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust, Fields, Ford,
8 Galliher, Gipson, Graham, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin,
9 Hall, Hammett, Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw,
10 Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Jackson, Johnson,
11 Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask,
12 McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin,
13 McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Moore
14 (M), Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page,
15 Payne, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E),
17 Thomas (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White,
18 Williams (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren
19 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FORMER STATE SENATOR BILL
9 MENTON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
12 received of the death of our friend and former colleague, the
13 Honorable Bill Menton, of Irvington, Alabama, at the age of 90
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant who was
16 motivated by the desire to help people, Mr. Menton was elected
17 to the Alabama Senate in 1982 representing Mobile County's
18 District 35 and later served as a Mobile County Commissioner
19 from 1988 to 1992; he was a faithful member of St. Margaret
20 Catholic Church in Bayou La Batre; and

21 WHEREAS, an alumnus of Spring Hill College, he was
22 an outstanding athlete with scholarships in football,
23 basketball, and baseball; after graduation in 1942, he coached
24 at the college and at UMS High School for several years prior
25 to embarking on a career in law enforcement with an emphasis
26 on making a difference in the lives of troubled youth; while
27 working as a Mobile County juvenile probation officer, he

1 helped establish a juvenile division for the Mobile County
2 Sheriff's Office; in addition, he also served with distinction
3 as police chief for Bayou La Batre and as a crime prevention
4 officer for Mobile County Public Schools; in 1996, Mr. Menton
5 became executive director of the Alabama Fraternal Order of
6 Police; and

7 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
8 wife of 65 years, Carmen Santana Menton; eight children; six
9 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Menton earned widespread respect for
11 his commitment and exceptional abilities as he worked
12 tirelessly for his fellow citizens; through the years, he made
13 a positive impact on the lives of countless young people, and
14 while his presence will be missed, his legacy will endure for
15 future generations; now therefore,

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