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4 Barton, Davis, Kennedy, Mitchell, Fincher, Allen, Baker (A),  
5 Baker (L), Ball, Bandy, Beasley, Beck, Beech, Bentley, Black,  
6 Boothe, Boyd, Bridges, Brown, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman,  
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:  
20 First Read: 17-FEB-10

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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
17                  HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, 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.