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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH NELSON RUSHTON, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an
11 inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the death
12 of Mr. Joseph Nelson "Jack" Rushton, Jr., of Huntsville,
13 Alabama, on February 2, 2010, at the age of 67 years; and

14 WHEREAS, an alumnus of Auburn University, Mr.
15 Rushton was an esteemed and beloved teacher who had retired
16 after 15 years of dedicated service at Challenger Middle
17 School; he was also a retiree of R. J. Reynolds, where his
18 career had spanned 23 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Rushton enthralled the students in his
20 eighth-grade history class with his encyclopedic knowledge and
21 sparkling personality; his funny stories became legendary, and
22 students looked forward to being in his class, where his
23 extreme optimism lifted the spirits of everyone he
24 encountered; he was also a devoted family man and lover of
25 music who was admired for his work ethic and strength of
26 character; and

1 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
2 wife, Judy Rushton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson and
3 Vivian Rushton, and Reese and Kimberly Rushton; two cherished
4 grandchildren, Benjamin and Zachary Rushton; and a brother,
5 Dan Rushton; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Rushton loved American history and his
7 students, for whom he was a combination of hero, role model,
8 and mentor, consistently going beyond the call of duty to have
9 a positive impact on the many lives he touched; through the
10 years, Mr. Rushton taught life lessons as well as history, and
11 he gave the gift of confidence to the students he motivated to
12 achieve their full potential; although his presence will be
13 greatly missed, his memory will live on in the lives of those
14 who were privileged to have him as a teacher and friend; now
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Joseph Nelson
18 Rushton, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
19 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life along
20 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family and all those
21 he leaves bereft.