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3 By Senators Means, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield, Bishop,
4 Brooks, Butler, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures,
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,
6 Mitchell, Mitchem, Orr, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, and Waggoner
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE OLLIE WILSON
9 NABORS.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss
12 that news is received of the death of our friend and former
13 colleague, the Honorable Ollie Wilson Nabors, of Gadsden, on
14 February 21, 2010, at the age of 83 years; and

15 WHEREAS, during the 1960s, Mr. Nabors served
16 effectively in both the Alabama House of Representatives and
17 the State Senate, representing Etowah County, and he made
18 countless contributions to the entire state in a number of
19 additional capacities; he was a prominent and influential
20 leader in civic and religious life as well as a highly
21 respected lawyer, businessman, and banker; and

22 WHEREAS, born July 1, 1926, he graduated from
23 Glencoe High School in 1944, where he was an standout football
24 and basketball player; after serving his country with honor
25 and distinction in the United States Navy during World War II,
26 Mr. Nabors entered The University of Alabama and earned a law

1 degree, graduating with honors in 1950; as a student leader,
2 he was elected to the prestigious honorary societies ODK and
3 Quadrangle, among others, and he was the first student editor
4 of the Alabama Law Review; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabors practiced law in Gadsden prior
6 to entering politics in 1962, first winning election to a
7 four-year term in the Alabama House of Representatives,
8 followed by a four-year term in the State Senate; he was
9 recognized as an outstanding debater, and the hallmark of his
10 legislative career was his persistent support of public
11 education; he received many awards and honors for exceptional
12 service to education and his fellowman; and

13 WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he began teaching
14 Sunday School at the age of 12; he was a longtime deacon of
15 First Baptist Church of Gadsden and was appointed to assist in
16 establishing the MeadowBrook Baptist Church; among his many
17 civic and professional affiliations, he was a leader in the
18 Rotary Club, a charter member of Directors of the Industrial
19 Development Board of the City of Gadsden, and past president
20 of the Etowah Bar Association; and

21 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his wife,
22 Leatha Thornton Nabors; daughter Peggy N. and husband, Roger
23 Higgins; granddaughter, Jana H. and husband, Mike Tarleton;
24 grandson, Eric Higgins and wife, Elizabeth Noble Higgins; four
25 great-grandchildren; brother, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
26 Robert Gene Nabors and wife, Bobbie Coleman Nabors; and

1 numerous additional relatives; he was preceded in death by his
2 parents, Wallace Scott Nabors and Lola Atkins Nabors, and
3 brothers, Wallace Atkins Nabors, Thomas Lenford Nabors, and
4 Lamar Monroe Nabors; also preceding him in death were Mildred
5 Peppers Nabors and Mara Sharp Nabors; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabors was a consummate public servant,
7 and few men have equaled his record of contributions to his
8 fellowman; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of the Honorable
11 Ollie Wilson Nabors is recorded with deep sadness, and this
12 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him, along with
13 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.