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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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4 ENROLLED, SJR87,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE OLLIE WILSON  
6 NABORS.

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8 WHEREAS, it is with an inconsolable sense of loss  
9 that news is received of the death of our friend and former  
10 colleague, the Honorable Ollie Wilson Nabors, of Gadsden, on  
11 February 21, 2010, at the age of 83 years; and

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

19 WHEREAS, born July 1, 1926, he graduated from  
20 Glencoe High School in 1944, where he was a standout football  
21 and basketball player; after serving his country with honor  
22 and distinction in the United States Navy during World War II,  
23 Mr. Nabors entered The University of Alabama and earned a law  
24 degree, graduating with honors in 1950; as a student leader,  
25 he was elected to the prestigious honorary societies ODK and

1       Quadrangle, among others, and he was the first student editor  
2       of the Alabama Law Review; and

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

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

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

1 parents, Wallace Scott Nabors and Lola Atkins Nabors, and  
2 brothers, Wallace Atkins Nabors, Thomas Lenford Nabors, and  
3 Lamar Monroe Nabors; also preceding him in death were Mildred  
4 Peppers Nabors and Mara Sharp Nabors; and

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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By: Senator Means