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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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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.

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Secretary

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Means