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3 By Representatives Irons and Curtis
4 RFD:
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. TURNER GENE BRATCHER.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 news is received of the death of Mr. Turner Gene "Big Daddy"
12 Bratcher of Florence, Alabama, on March 2, 2010, at the age of
13 79 years; and

14 WHEREAS, born July 8, 1930, in Lauderdale County, he
15 was the son of Marvin H. Bratcher and Ruth Bratcher Patterson;
16 a 1949 graduate of Coffee High School, he was a United States
17 Navy veteran, having served with honor and distinction aboard
18 a Navy destroyer from 1950-1954; he worked for Reynolds Alloys
19 from the early 1950s until 1983; after retirement, he spent
20 much time visiting with friends and family, especially
21 enjoying ball games with his grandchildren, the love of his
22 life; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Bratcher was a member of the IBEW,
24 having received his 60-year pin recently, and was a former
25 member of the Lions Club of Florence; devoted to family and
26 faith, he was a member of Magnolia Church of Christ, where he

1 had served on the administrative committee and also as a
2 shepherd; and

3 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
4 wife of 57 years, Martha Scott Bratcher; daughters, Connie
5 Carter and Cindy Bratcher; son, Brad Bratcher and wife,
6 Patricia; five grandchildren, Nikki (JaMarr) Lancaster, Angela
7 Sonego, Chris Sonego, Matthew (Whitney) Carter, and Scott
8 Bratcher; two great-granddaughters, Makayla Carter and Cadence
9 Lancaster; one sister, Helen B. Lazenby; and one brother,
10 James David Bratcher, as well as his special brothers- and
11 sisters-in-law, Jo Scott, Jim and Gail Stevenson, Sue
12 Sullivan, Steve and Sandra Scott, Deborah Jones, and Beth
13 Scott; along with several devoted nieces and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
15 in death by his stepfather, James O. Patterson; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bratcher was a valued member of the
17 community whose presence will be greatly missed by those who
18 were privileged to know him during the course of his long and
19 productive life; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
21 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Turner Gene
22 Bratcher is recorded with deep sadness, and by copy of this
23 resolution, heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving
24 family.