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15 Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott, Sherer,  
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17 Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams (J), Williams  
18 (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 11-MAR-10

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. MELFORD EDWARD ESPEY, JR.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
11 news is received of the death of Mr. Melford Edward Espey,  
12 Jr., of Northport, Alabama, on March 2, 2010, at the age of 68  
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Espey was a prominent civic leader and  
15 educator whose contributions to the State of Alabama were  
16 numerous and far-reaching; and

17 WHEREAS, born September 6, 1941, in Fairfield,  
18 Alabama, he earned his Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and  
19 Education Specialist Degree from The University of Alabama; as  
20 a student, he worked on the committee implementing the  
21 desegregation of the University; in addition, he worked  
22 closely with Coach Bear Bryant to create an official school  
23 mascot and served as the first Big Al; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Espey began his administrative career  
25 with The University of Alabama in 1970 and held many positions  
26 within the Division of Student Affairs, retiring in 1995 as  
27 Director of Student Recreation and Assistant to the Vice

1 President for Student Affairs; he served for many years on the  
2 National Foundation Board of Omicron Delta Kappa and was  
3 instrumental in laying the groundwork to include women in the  
4 organization; his civic contributions included work with the  
5 Child Abuse Prevention Services of Tuscaloosa; Mr. Espey was  
6 an active member of the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa,  
7 where he participated in the Skyland Oaks Ministry; and

8 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his loss his beloved  
9 wife of 42 years, Rebecca Flowers Espey; sons, Melford Edward  
10 Espey, III, and wife, Allison, and Jonathan Flowers Espey;  
11 grandson, Melford Edward Espey, IV; and aunts, Geraldine  
12 Trammel and Ann Smith; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Espey was a valued member of the  
14 community whose presence will be greatly missed by those who  
15 were privileged to know him; now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
17 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Melford  
18 Edward Espey, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
19 resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
20 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.