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MOURNING THE DEATH OF JACOB ROSCOE BENTON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an
inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the tragic
death of Jacob Roscoe Benton of Titus, Alabama, on March 15,
2010, at the age of 18 years; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Edgewood Academy and an
outstanding student-athlete, he was a member of the football
team that won the 2008 AISA State Championship and was
runner-up in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Jacob was a treasured son, beloved brother,
cherished grandchild, and valued friend; and

WHEREAS, teammates and fellow students fondly recall
his cheerful smile and his sense of humor; he was also admired
for bringing to his athletic endeavors a sense of
responsibility and commitment; Jacob was an exceptionally
skilled defensive lineman who first came to Edgewood as a
sophomore and became one of the top tacklers in addition to
leading the team in sacks; and

1 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his parents,
2 Roger and Jamie Benton; five brothers, Brad (Christy) Benton,
3 Chris (Christina) Benton, Jonathan Benton, Jesse Benton, and
4 Joseph Benton; grandparents, Eva Jean Reeves and Francis
5 Benton; uncles, James (Daphne) Law, Steve Benton, and Rodney
6 Benton; aunts, Joy (Lawrence) Craft, Linda (Jim) Green, and
7 Marsha Harper; cousins, Jeremy (Tori) Griffin, James Griffin,
8 Haley (Derrick) Knowles, Chaleb Green, Lesley Green, James
9 Green, Daniel Green, Joshua Green, Kelley Green, Tasha
10 Chancey, Andrew Chancey, Stephanie Jones, Michael Harper,
11 Rodney Benton, and Brock Benton; nephews, Dean Benton, Brady
12 Benton, Daniel Benton, and Marcus Benton; niece, Alexis
13 Benton; and many devoted friends and classmates; and

14 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his
15 grandparents, Frank E. Benton, Wylodene Benton, and James
16 Roscoe Law; and

17 WHEREAS, Jacob was a young man who embraced every
18 moment of every day and gave the best of himself during the
19 brief span of his lifetime; he especially enjoyed sports and
20 delighted in spending time with his loving family and many
21 friends; although his vibrant presence will be greatly missed
22 by those who were privileged to know him, his memory will be
23 treasured forever; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the tragic death of Jacob
26 Roscoe Benton is recorded with deep sadness, and this

1 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life along
2 with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.