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4 (L), Ball, Bandy, Barton, Beasley, Beech, Bentley, Black,  
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6 Collier, Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, England, Faust,  
7 Fields, Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon,  
8 Graham, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett,  
9 Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard,  
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11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
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13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),  
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,  
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,  
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas  
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 13-APR-10

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JOHN FRANKLIN GRAY.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
11 news is received of the death of Mr. John Franklin Gray of  
12 Mobile, Alabama, on April 6, 2010, at the age of 87 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Gray leaves a deep void  
14 in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
15 entire community; and

16 WHEREAS, born November 27, 1922, he was the son of  
17 Gable Gray and Alice Gray-Russell; he was a highly esteemed  
18 educator in the Mobile County Public School System for more  
19 than 50 years, receiving numerous honors and awards; a veteran  
20 of World War II, he was a member of the P. L. Wilson  
21 Detachment, Inc. #447, Marine Corps League and the Montford  
22 Point Marine Association, Inc.; in 2007, he was named Veteran  
23 of the Year by the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission,  
24 and he also starred in the Ken Burns Documentary, "The War";  
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26 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, he was a  
27 longtime member of Big Zion AME Zion Church until his marriage

1                   in 2001 to Reverend Edwina Gray, Associate Minister at Hope  
2                   Chapel AME Zion Church, where he became an active member until  
3                   his death; and

4                   WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved  
5                   and loving wife, Reverend Edwina Gray; six children, John  
6                   (Brenda) Gray, Rhonda Gray, Alice Gray, Gordon (Brenda) Gray,  
7                   Danielle Gray, and Gable Gray; two stepdaughters, Angela  
8                   (John) Stallworth and LaJeana (Kenneth) Williams; five  
9                   grandchildren, Terrance, Kiristen, Deidra, Philip, and Tamara  
10                  Gray; eight step-grandchildren, Brittany, Shantel, Xavier,  
11                  Jasmine, Jakorey, Destiny, Kenneth, and Kenyon; cousins, Pearl  
12                  Gray Daniels, Fred (Carol) Gray, and Thomas (Juanita) Gray;  
13                  sister-in-law, Janie (Ronald) Heard; two great-grandchildren;  
14                  and a number of additional caring relatives and friends; and

15                  WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded  
16                  in death by his first wife and the mother of his children,  
17                  Ruth Ramsey Gray; and

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

22                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
23                  THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. John  
24                  Franklin Gray is recorded with profound sadness, and this  
25                  resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life, along  
26                  with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.