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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT E. COLSON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and an inconsolable sense of loss that news is received of the death of Mr. Robert E. "Rob" Colson of Huntsville, Alabama, on April 17, 2010, at the age of 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Colson was a highly regarded pharmacist and an esteemed civic leader who served two terms on the Madison County Commission, one of the first Republicans elected to local office in the modern era; as a representative of District 5, he won bipartisan respect as a consensus builder whose goal was to achieve the best for Madison County; and

WHEREAS, born September 19, 1949, in Claxton, Georgia, he had resided in Huntsville for 55 years, graduating from Butler High School in 1967 and from the University of Tennessee in 1971; he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Auburn University and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the State of Tennessee; after working for several years

as a pharmacist in Huntsville, he became one of three Senior Clinical Consultants at CVS Caremark 12 years ago; and

WHEREAS, among his roles of leadership in the community, he was the founding president of the Madison County Men's Club, a member of the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle, past two-time president of the Madison County Pharmaceutical Association, member of the Republican Executive Committee at both the county and state levels, and was a dedicated supporter of the Library and Heritage Room; his passion for genealogy inspired him to author many books on family heritage and to paint family crests; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved wife, Lucy Colson, and daughter, Elizabeth Colson; and

WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents, Robert C. and Myrtle E. Colson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Colson was a devoted husband, loving father, and an outstanding public official; through the years, he embraced all that life had to offer and returned the best of himself; although his presence will be greatly missed, his legacy of service will endure, and he will be remembered for the love, hard work, and dedication he put into every aspect of his life; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Robert E. Colson is recorded with profound sadness, and by copy of this resolution, heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving family.