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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF COACH ROBERT EMMETT MARKS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and a great
11 sense of loss that we receive news of the death of Coach
12 Robert Emmett "Bobby" Marks of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on January
13 26, 2009, at the age of 72 years; and

14 WHEREAS, a Tuscaloosa resident for 34 years, he was
15 born in New Orleans, Louisiana; he was a star athlete at
16 Warren Easton High School and was recruited to Texas A and M
17 University by legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, earning
18 three varsity letters and named All-Southwest Conference and
19 Honorable Mention All-American in 1957; and

20 WHEREAS, he began his outstanding coaching career in
21 Texas and was named Houston Area High School Coach of the Year
22 in 1965; three years later he was hired as an assistant coach
23 at Texas A and M University, where he remained until 1972 when
24 Coach Bryant asked him to join his staff as an Assistant Coach
25 at The University of Alabama; in his 11 years with the Crimson
26 Tide, Coach Marks played an integral role in nine SEC
27 Championships and three National Championships; and

1 WHEREAS, following Coach Bryant's retirement, Coach
2 Marks joined the Denver Broncos as a Pro Football Scout and
3 was part of three AFC Championships during his decade at
4 Denver; in 1993, he began scouting for the Dallas Cowboys,
5 remaining for seven years as his team earned two Super Bowl
6 titles; and

7 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
8 wife of 29 years, Ann Thrasher Marks; sons, Bobby (Stephanie)
9 Marks, Jr., Keith Marks, and Jared (Dianne) Marks; daughters,
10 Beth (Chris) Ransom and Katie (Jason) Yates; grandchildren,
11 Michael Marks, Lindsey Marks, Lauren Marks, Shaelyn Marks,
12 Ashley Ransom, Claire Ransom, and Emerson Yates; and a number
13 of other devoted family members as well as a legion of fans,
14 friends, and admirers; and

15 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
16 Philip William Marks, Sr., and Sophie Rosa Marks; five
17 brothers, and two sisters; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Marks was gifted with the rare
19 ability to recognize talent, and his amiable communication
20 skills enabled him to teach and coach with exceptional
21 effectiveness; through the years he was a positive influence
22 on countless young men who proceeded to great accomplishments
23 both on and off the football field; in addition, he was a
24 devoted family man, cherished friend and mentor and, above
25 all, a Godly man; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Coach Robert

1 Emmett "Bobby" Marks is recorded with deep sadness, and this
2 resolution is offered in highest tribute to him along with
3 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.