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MOURNING THE DEATH OF LAWRENCE HENNESSEY.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
11 received of the death of Lawrence "Dude" Hennessey on March 2,
12 2011, who was born December 23, 1929, in Covington, Kentucky;
13 Dude coached the defensive line for Coach Paul Bryant at The
14 University of Alabama from 1960 through 1976 and was one of
15 the most colorful and popular football coaches in the history
16 of The University of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, Dude earned his degree in business
18 administration while playing defensive end at the University
19 of Kentucky under Coach Bryant; he went on to coach the
20 freshmen team at the University of Kentucky, a high school
21 team in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and served as head coach at
22 St. Xavier in Louisville before coaching at The University of
23 Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, coaching through four national championship
25 teams at The University of Alabama, Coach Hennessey was
26 described by a sportswriter as "the coaching staff's

1 cheerleader, its funnybone, its alter ego, its colorful blithe
2 spirit"; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was preceded in death by
4 his parents, John and Catherine Hennessey; brother, Jack
5 Hennessey; and his infant son, John Duke Hennessey; and

6 WHEREAS, he leaves to mourn his death his beloved
7 wife of 37 years, Carole Fields Hennessey; stepchildren Becky
8 (Tommy) Satterfield and John Hulsey; his daughters, Haviland
9 Hennessey (John Blue) Smith and Maggie Hennessey Nees;
10 grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Ginny Blue Smith, Madeline Nees,
11 Hudson Nees, Lily Nees, and Milyn Satterfield; sister, Frances
12 Ellen Love; nephew, Tony Love; niece, Mary Catherine Love;
13 great nephew, Jeffery Love; sister-in-law, Anne Fields Lewis;
14 and brother-in-law, Wallace M. Lewis; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Hennessey was a loving husband,
16 father, grandfather, and uncle, who dedicated his life to
17 serving young athletes, students, and alumni at his beloved
18 University of Alabama; his presence will be greatly missed by
19 many; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Coach Lawrence
22 "Dude" Hennessey is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of
23 this resolution we convey our highest esteem and heartfelt
24 sympathy to his grieving family and friends.