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3 By Representatives Wren, Love, Hubbard (J), Beckman, Baker,
4 Ball, Bandy, Barton, Baughn, Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe,
5 Boyd, Bracy, Bridges, Brown, Burdine, Buskey, Buttram,
6 Canfield, Chesteen, Clouse, Coleman, Collins, Colston, Davis,
7 DeMarco, Drake, England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte,
8 Galliher, Gaston, Givan, Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall,
9 Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard (M),
10 Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (K), Johnson (R), Johnson (W),
11 Jones, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, Mask,
12 McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin,
13 McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell,
14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D),
15 Nordgren, Oden, Patterson, Payne, Poole, Rich, Roberts,
16 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Shiver,
17 Thomas, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren,
18 Weaver, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P) and Wood
19 RFD:
20 First Read: 31-MAR-11

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF DON MARKWELL.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
11 received of the death of Don Markwell, a long-time resident of
12 Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. Markwell was born in Island,
13 Kentucky, on January 29, 1936, and was best known during his
14 50-year radio career for his "Viewpoint," a controversial,
15 issues-oriented radio talk show; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell attended Western Kentucky
17 University, where he insisted on serving as the unofficial
18 play-by-play announcer at Diddle Arena entertaining and
19 sometimes offending friends in the stands; he sang in the
20 chorale and later in life, he sang bass in barbershop and
21 gospel quartets and in the choir at Frazer United Methodist
22 Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell's radio career in Montgomery
24 began in the late 1950's when he became a night disc jockey
25 for WCOV 1170 AM; he later became Program Director and in
26 1967, he launched "Viewpoint"; in 1972, he became Operations
27 Manager; and

1 WHEREAS, by the mid-1970's, Mr. Markwell saw the
2 future of FM radio and country music as mainstream and with
3 Robert E. Lowder, Colonial Broadcasting was launched; Mr.
4 Markwell's successful format was a combination of music,
5 personalities, news, and community involvement; he served as
6 Vice President and General Manager of Colonial Broadcasting
7 for many years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell was preceded in death by his
9 parents, Elva and Elvis Taylor Markwell; he is survived by his
10 wife, Nell Rankin Markwell; identical twin brother, Ron
11 Markwell; sons, D. G. (Debbie) Markwell, Brent Taylor (Terri)
12 Markwell, Roger Warren (Angie) Markwell, and Gregory Wayne
13 Markwell; grandchildren, Weston Murphy Markwell, Brent Jamie
14 (Ashley) Markwell, Ryan Taylor (Melissa) Markwell, Matthew
15 Scott (Connie) Markwell, Wendy Lyn Sampson, Jacob Samuel
16 Williamson, Dudley Sellers, Ansley Kay Markwell, Margaret Anne
17 Markwell, Andrew Nolan Markwell, Meredith Taylor Markwell, and
18 Madelene Carolanne Markwell; and great-grandchildren, Aiden
19 Matthew Markwell, Brenton Walker Markwell, Kinsey Eissler, and
20 Parker Eissler; and a host of relatives and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Markwell leaves a legacy of innovative
22 broadcasting and public service; his presence will be greatly
23 missed by many and his memory will be cherished in the hearts
24 and minds of those whose lives he touched; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Don Markwell is
27 recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this resolution

1 heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving family and
2 friends.