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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES SMITH, JR.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. James "Bullett" Smith, Jr., of
12 Gadsden, Alabama, on March 21, 2011, at the age of 84 years;
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14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Smith leaves a void in
15 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
16 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;
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18 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gadsden High School, he
19 served his country with honor and distinction in the United
20 States Navy aboard the USS Heyliger; Mr. Smith was a member of
21 East Gadsden Baptist Church for most of his life and was also
22 a Mason, having received his 50-year pin; he was retired from
23 Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and was an avid hunter and
24 fisherman; and

25 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,
26 James R. and Mary S. Smith, and four brothers and sisters; and

1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved and loving
2 wife of 63 years, Erline Gilliland Smith; son, James Bruce
3 (Tammy) Smith; daughter, Denise Smith (Lane) Talley;
4 grandchildren, Justin and Amber Smith, Christopher Talley,
5 Elizabeth (Scott) Cooper, and Sara (Ethan) Tucker;
6 sisters-in-law, Burma (Bill) Morris and Mac Gilliland; and a
7 host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a valued member of the
9 community; although his presence will be missed, his memory
10 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
11 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. James Smith,
14 Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
15 offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy
16 to his grieving family.