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3 By Representative Merrill
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF THOMAS J. TARLETON.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that news is
11 received of the death of Thomas J. Tarleton of Tuscaloosa,
12 Alabama, on April 1, 2011, at the age of 82 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Tarleton was a longtime Tuscaloosa
14 High School varsity basketball coach, who is credited with 431
15 victories, 69 losses, two state championships, and two state
16 runners-up before retiring in 1983 after 17 years as head
17 coach; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Tarleton served in Korea in the
19 United States Army and retired as a lieutenant colonel in the
20 Army Reserves after a 20-year career; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Tarleton grew up in Thomasville,
22 Alabama, graduated from the University of West Alabama, and
23 earned master's and AA degrees from The University of Alabama;
24 on several occasions he was named coach of the year and he was
25 inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association
26 Hall of Fame in 1991; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Tarleton is preceded in death by his
2 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel M. Tarleton; he is survived by his
3 wife, Ann Tarleton; daughters Lisa (David) Pike and Jo Del
4 (Dexter) Hambaugh; grandchildren, Tarleton (Ashley) Pike and
5 Callie Pike; and great-grandson, Tate Pike; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Tarleton was known for his passion
7 for sports and his family; co-workers, students, family, and
8 friends remember Coach Tarleton as a role model and a mentor;
9 while his presence will be greatly missed by many, his memory
10 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those whose lives
11 he touched; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Thomas J.
14 Tarleton is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this
15 resolution heartfelt sympathy is extended to his grieving
16 family and friends.