

1 HR290  
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3 By Representative Merrill  
4 RFD:  
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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.