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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STACY W. REAVES.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mr. Stacy W. Reaves of Gadsden, Alabama,  
12 on March 31, 2011, at the age of 91 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Reaves leaves a void in  
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the  
15 entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded;  
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Reaves was a veteran who served with  
18 honor and distinction in the United States Navy during World  
19 War II; he was an active member of Union Hill United Methodist  
20 Church, where he served in many capacities including the first  
21 president of the Men's Club; he was employed for 43 years at  
22 Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and was a member of Local 12,  
23 the Safety Committee at Goodyear, and was Union Representative  
24 for 35 years; and

25 WHEREAS, through the years, his roles of community  
26 leadership included: the Board of Directors, the Credit  
27 Committee for the Family Savings Credit Union; member of the

1 East Gadsden Lions Club; and a founder of the Tidmore Bend  
2 Volunteer Fire Department; and

3 WHEREAS, in his youth, he was an excellent football  
4 player, serving as captain of the football team at Hokes Bluff  
5 High School, as well as a standout baseball player who was  
6 credited with hitting the school's longest home run ever; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Reaves was known for his devout faith,  
8 devotion to family, and love of nature, including his special  
9 hobby of watching and feeding birds daily for four decades;  
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11 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his parents,  
12 John and Elizabeth Reaves; mother-in-law and father-in-law,  
13 James Holland and Eva Mathis; son, Terry L. Reaves; sister,  
14 Mary Avis "Becky" Vinson; brothers-in-law, T.W. Smith, James  
15 Holland (Joyce) Mathis, and Billy Mathis, Sr.; and

16 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of 70  
17 years, Sara F. Reaves; daughter, Amy Reaves; sister, Lillian  
18 Smith; sister-in-law, Joyce Mathis; two grandchildren; two  
19 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Reaves had a generous nature and tried  
21 to help everyone in need; although his presence will be  
22 missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds  
23 of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Stacy W.  
26 Reaves is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is

1        offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
2        to his grieving family.