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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. CONSTANTINE GEORGE
9 KOUTROULAKIS.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 receive news of the death of Mr. Constantine George "Gus"
13 Koutroulakis of Birmingham, Alabama, on April 5, 2011, at the
14 age of 81 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Koutroulakis leaves a
16 void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and
17 the entire community, where he was well-known and highly
18 regarded as "The Mayor of Second Avenue" and the owner and
19 operator of Pete's Famous Hot Dogs for more than 63 years; and

20 WHEREAS, his total passion was a commitment to help
21 and please every customer while serving the best hot dog to be
22 found anywhere; and

23 WHEREAS, among his honors and awards, he was
24 recognized by the Birmingham Historical Society and included
25 on the Historical Downtown Tour; two decades ago, he received
26 the Downtown Action Committee Business Longevity Award, and he

1 was honored several times during his career by the U.S. News
2 and World Report; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Koutroulakis was a longtime member of
4 the Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral of
5 Birmingham and a member of the American Hellenic Educational
6 Progressive Association, the American Legion, and The
7 University of Alabama Commerce Society; he was also an active
8 Mason and Shriner as well as an avid Alabama football fan; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to his dedicated service to his
10 community, Mr. Koutroulakis proudly served his country with
11 honor and distinction in the United States Army and was a
12 decorated combat veteran of the Korean Conflict; and

13 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Kathrine Melton
14 Koutroulakis; brother, Dr. Sam Koutroulakis; sisters, Tasia
15 (Dr. James) Argires and Lula (Chris) Christ; and a number of
16 additional relatives, including several cousins in Greece; and

17 WHEREAS, preceding in death were his parents, George
18 and Eugenia Koutroulakis; niece, Mary Kathryn Christ; nephew,
19 George Sam Koutroulakis; great-niece, Tasis Pitsakis; and
20 sister-in-law, May Chakides Koutroulakis; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Koutroulakis was a beloved icon in the
22 Birmingham area who will be remembered for his kindness and
23 humility; although his presence will be missed, his memory
24 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
25 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
27 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Constantine

1 George Koutroulakis is recorded with deep sadness, and this
2 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life of
3 achievement and service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his
4 grieving family.