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3 By Representative Millican
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. RAYMOND WAYNE COBB, SR.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of our friend and former colleague, Mr.
12 Raymond Wayne Cobb, Sr., of Hamilton, Alabama, on March 23,
13 2011, at the age of 79 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Cobb 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
17 as an educator and civic leader; he served effectively in the
18 Alabama House of Representatives from 1979-83 and was credited
19 with many accomplishments including widening Norfolk Bridge
20 and repealing the five percent tax on electricity in his
21 district; and

22 WHEREAS, born June 12, 1931, in Harvest, Alabama, he
23 was the son of Walter Raymond and Lois Kennedy Cobb and was a
24 1950 graduate of Huntsville High School; he served his country
25 with honor and distinction from 1950-1952 during the Korean
26 War, attaining the rank of Corporal; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb earned a Bachelor of Science
2 Degree in Business from the University of North Alabama in
3 1957 and a Master of Arts Degree in School Administration from
4 The University of Alabama in 1961; and

5 WHEREAS, his early career in education included:
6 classroom teacher at T.R. Rogers High School in Greenhill,
7 Alabama, 1957; classroom teacher at Winfield High School,
8 1958; business teacher at Hamilton High School, 1959;
9 principal of Hackleburg High School, 1960-61; and principal of
10 Clayton High School 1961-62; and

11 WHEREAS, from 1962-64, he served as a United States
12 Treasury Agent (ATF), having been valedictorian of his class
13 and a sharpshooter; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb returned to Marion County to help
15 establish Northwest State Technical College (now Bevill State
16 Community College) and served as dean from 1964-1981 and
17 president from 1981-89, focusing on aviation and the nursing
18 programs; upon his retirement, the school had a \$1 million
19 budget surplus; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Pleasant Grove
21 Baptist Church; among his roles of civic leadership, he was
22 active in the Lions Club and Elks Lodge, a member of the
23 Masons, Zamora Temple Chapter of the Shriners, the VFW, and
24 the Sons of the American Revolution; he was a lifetime member
25 of the National Rifle Association and loved to hunt, fish, and
26 cook; and

1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of 56
2 years, Enid Mays Cobb; two children, Susan Enid Cobb and Dr.
3 Raymond Wayne Cobb, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Kathryn Corinne
4 Thomas Cobb; four grandchildren, Wyatt Edward, Lois Corinne,
5 Sarah Kathryn, and Kennedy Mays Cobb; and a host of other
6 relatives and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded
8 in death by an infant son, James Larkin Cobb; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb loved spending time with family
10 and friends and was known as a brilliant and entertaining
11 storyteller; although his presence will be missed, his memory
12 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
13 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Raymond Wayne
16 Cobb, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution
17 is offered in highest tribute to his life of achievement and
18 service, along with heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.