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3       By Representative Lindsey  
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES LAWRENCE

KIRKPATRICK, JR.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Mr. James Lawrence Kirkpatrick, Jr., of Piedmont, Alabama, on February 25, 2011, at the age of 89 years; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Kirkpatrick leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the entire community, where he was well-known and highly regarded; he was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Piedmont; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkpatrick retired as a supervisor after 40 years of employment with Standard Coosa Thatcher (SCT) in Piedmont, where his career was interrupted by World War II and he served with honor and distinction in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Seaman First Class; and

WHEREAS, among his roles of community leadership, he was active in the Piedmont YMCA program and was in charge of the skating rink; in addition, he enjoyed participating in

1 semipro baseball in the Textile Mill League; although Mr.  
2 Kirkpatrick was recruited by the Cleveland Indians of Major  
3 League Baseball, his playing days were cut short by an ankle  
4 injury; he continued coaching the SCT ball club and was an  
5 also an avid fisherman at Weiss Lake; and

6 WHEREAS, preceding him in death were his eldest son,  
7 Jerry Wayne Kirkpatrick, grandson, Wayne Kirkpatrick; and four  
8 siblings, Jack, Scottie, Drucilla, and Helen; and

9 WHEREAS, he is survived by his devoted wife, Lovie;  
10 sons, James Ronnie Kirkpatrick and wife, Helen, and Joe Vann  
11 Kirkpatrick; daughter, Peggy Fagan-Davis and husband, Larry  
12 Davis; brothers, John Roy Kirkpatrick and Dennis Kirkpatrick;  
13 sister, Linda Kay Fagan; grandchildren, Joey Vann Kirkpatrick,  
14 Brandon Fagan, Shannon Fagan, Jerrod Kirkpatrick, Justin  
15 Kirkpatrick, and Josh Kirkpatrick; two great-grandchildren;  
16 and a host of nieces and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkpatrick will be remembered for  
18 teaching laughter, love, and discipline; although his presence  
19 will be missed, his memory will be cherished in the hearts and  
20 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. James  
23 Lawrence Kirkpatrick, Jr., is recorded with deep sadness, and  
24 this resolution is offered in tribute to his life, along with  
25 heartfelt sympathy to his grieving family.