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MOURNING THE DEATH OF HOMER AUSTIN SMITH.

WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive news of the death of Homer Austin Smith of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 10, 2011, at the age of 79 years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and earned a Bachelor's degree from Princeton, an MBA degree from Stanford, and a Master's of Theological Studies degree from Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith's football experience spanned over five decades; he served as head coach at Davidson College, University of Pacific, and the U.S. Military Academy; as offensive coordinator at UCLA, the Kansas City Chiefs, University of Alabama, and Arizona; and as backfield coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy and his alma mater, Stanford; and

WHEREAS, Coach Smith was enshrined in the Davidson Hall of Fame in 2000 and honored with a lifetime membership in the Army Football Club in 2008; he was honored by the American Football Coaches Association in 2007 with the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award; and

1           WHEREAS, an avid wordsmith, his home library was  
2       filled with books on various subjects from religion to words;  
3       he wrote several acclaimed books on football, and published a  
4       novel; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is survived by his beloved wife  
6       of 58 years, Kathryn Haskell Smith; daughters, Kimberly Smith  
7       (Leamon) Hall, and Carolyn Smith (Dr. Wayne) Carpenter;  
8       grandchildren, Taylor Hall, Shelby Hall, Madalyn Carpenter,  
9       and Thomas Carpenter; and a host of relatives and friends; and

10          WHEREAS, Homer Smith, a valued member of the sports  
11       community who was known for his kindness, generosity,  
12       integrity, love, and humor, served his community with great  
13       leadership ability and tireless devotion; although his  
14       presence will be missed, his memory will be cherished in the  
15       hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now  
16       therefore,

17          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
18       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Homer Austin  
19       Smith is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
20       offered in tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy  
21       to his grieving family.