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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF PRESTON CLARENCE COMPTON.

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10 WHEREAS, we are greatly saddened and deeply regret
11 to learn news of the death of Preston Clarence Compton of
12 Gallant, on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the age of 78 years;
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14 WHEREAS, Preston Clarence Compton grew up in
15 Odenville and played football for Gadsden High School; while
16 in high school, Compton was a carpenter and assisted his
17 father in building homes in the Gadsden area; after graduating
18 from high school, he served in the U.S. Navy on the USS
19 Gregory during the Korean War, with the rank of First Class
20 Radarman; Compton married his sweetheart, Linda Randall in
21 October of 1958, at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple; he
22 eventually retired from Gulf States Steel; and

23 WHEREAS, Preston was an avid sports fan; he loved
24 golf and football and especially his Alabama Crimson Tide; his
25 love for God was evident by his willingness to serve as a
26 Missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1 in Florida from 1957 to 1958 and serving as Branch President
2 of his church in the Gadsden area; and

3 WHEREAS, Preston was preceded in death by his
4 parents, G. Roy Compton Sr. and Katie Compton Hartbarger; and
5 brother, G. Roy Compton Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, memories of Mr. Compton will live on with
7 his wife, Linda Randall Compton; daughters, Anita Davis and
8 Mary Arthur; sons, Joseph Compton and Michael Compton;
9 grandchildren, Grant Davis, Christy Davis, Thomas Davis, Katie
10 Davis, Ender Isin, Brandy Bryan, Olivia Nix, Elizabeth Nix,
11 Josh Nix, Dylan Nix, and Neal Compton; great-grandson, Tanner
12 Harris; sister, Barbara Burdick, and numerous nieces and
13 nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, Preston exemplified the definitions of
15 kindness and humility; he was a valuable asset to the
16 community; a void will be left in the hearts of all who were
17 fortunate to know Preston during his lifetime; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That on behalf of the citizens of
20 the State of Alabama, the life of Preston Clarence Compton is
21 honored and this resolution is offered to extend our devout
22 sympathy to the family and friends of Preston Clarence
23 Compton.