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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF REVEREND WILLIAM DOUGLAS  
9 WELCH.  
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11 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
12 news of the death of Reverend William Douglas Welch, on May  
13 20, 2011, at the age of 78 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Welch was born on April 30, 1933;  
15 his life was dedicated to serving God, becoming an ordained  
16 minister at 19 years of age; he served as an interim pastor at  
17 First Baptist Williams, Jacksonville, before being called to  
18 serve full-time at New Hopewell Baptist Church in Piedmont;  
19 his service to God for over 50 years in ministering brought  
20 him to serve as pastor at First Baptist Wellington for five  
21 years and Louis Street Baptist Church for twenty-seven years;  
22 he also served as chairman of various missions for the Etowah  
23 Baptist Association; he retired in 2001, where he had begun  
24 his full-time service to God at New Hopewell Baptist; and

25 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his parents, Ed  
26 and Lillie Mae Welch; brothers, Oscar and Edward; and  
27 daughter, Vicky Baker; and

1               WHEREAS, memories of Reverend Welch will live on  
2     with his wife, Marguerite Welch; children, Cherie Johnson,  
3     Alicia Davis, Chuck Welch, Ted Welch, Kim Nails, Terry Welch;  
4     chosen son, Bernie Baker; fifteen grandchildren, Clay Johnson,  
5     Carey Garmon, Stephanie Miller, Josh Davis, Chad Baker, Daniel  
6     Baker, Jordin and Allison Findling, Hayden, Rocco and Rosalie  
7     Welch, Hunter and Taylor Nails, Anna Kate and Lillie Welch;  
8     eight great-grandchildren, Broady and Brock Johnson, Jadyn and  
9     Kelci Garmon, Everette and Miles Davis, Lauren and Gavin  
10    Baker, Maryella Baker; sisters, Lou Williams and Jean Jenkins;  
11    and brothers, James Welch, Kenneth Welch, Hollis Welch, Louie  
12    Welch and Larry Welch; along with a host of nieces and  
13    nephews; and

14            WHEREAS, Reverend Welch was dedicated to God, his  
15    family, and church; he will be greatly missed by all who were  
16    fortunate to know him during his lifetime; now therefore,

17            BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
18    THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Reverend William  
19    Douglas Welch is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
20    resolution is offered in tribute of his life, along with  
21    heartfelt sympathy extended to his grieving family.