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3 By Representative Ford
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 25-MAY-11

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.