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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF JAMES DAVID FREEMAN.

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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of James David Freeman of Odenville, on May
12 11, 2011, at the age of 89 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman was born on March 13, 1922, to
14 James Moore and Mamie Laten Freeman; in 1941 he joined the
15 Civilian Conservation Corps in Tennessee, the next year he
16 joined the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theatre with the
17 First Division 16th Infantry; he would be one of few who were
18 a part of the first wave of troops landing on Omaha Beach in
19 Normandy and he has citations which included four major battle
20 stars, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star with
21 oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Marksman;
22 after the war he worked with General Motors, harvesting times
23 and farming and finally retired from the U.S. Postal Service
24 in 1986; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman lived most of his life in
26 Blount County, where he and his wife, Geneva, reared their
27 family on a farm near Susan Moore; later they would move to

1 Snead where they were active in the community, including being
2 active members of the Snead United Methodist Church; John
3 always enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, family, friends, sharing
4 stories, his country, and most importantly, God; and

5 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his wife of 57
6 years, Geneva Byrum Freeman; his parents, James and Mamie;
7 seven sisters and three brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, the memories of John live on with his
9 brother, Thomas Eugene; son, David Freeman and his wife Peggi;
10 daughter, Neva Collins and her husband Ron; grandchildren,
11 Chris Collins, Logan Freeman and Hollen Freeman; and

12 WHEREAS, James Freeman was an outstanding individual
13 whose life is worthy of recognition due to his military
14 service and willingness to give back to the community; he will
15 be missed by all who were fortunate to know him throughout his
16 lifetime; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of James David
19 Freeman is recorded with deep sadness and by copy of this
20 resolution we offer our deepest sympathy to his grieving
21 family.