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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. D.D. REAL.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mr. D.D. Real of Hamilton, Alabama, on
12 November 28, 2011, at the age of 89 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Real leaves a void in
14 the lives of his loving family, his many friends, and the
15 entire area; he was the longtime head of the Marion County
16 Emergency Management Agency and was instrumental in starting
17 the county's E-911 System, along with other valued community
18 contributions, and he was also an esteemed and successful
19 businessman; and

20 WHEREAS, born on August 11, 1922, he was the son of
21 Murrah Hudson Real and Meverdia Ballard Real; he graduated
22 from Hamilton High School and attended Florence State College
23 before serving with honor and distinction as a combat military
24 policeman in the United States Army during World War II,
25 receiving a number of medals for his service; among his
26 memorable wartime experiences, he landed on Normandy Beach
27 three days after the initial attack and was stationed in the

1 Philippine Islands in 1945, where he felt the atomic bomb that
2 was dropped on Hiroshima; and

3 WHEREAS, upon returning home after the war, he
4 started "D.D. Real's Rolling Store" and was known by many as
5 "The Peddler" on his travels through Marion and Lamar
6 Counties; in 1948, he built "D.D. Real's General Merchandise
7 Store" and expanded his business enterprises in 1962 by
8 purchasing the bowling center in Hamilton; through the years,
9 he also farmed, including raising corn, cotton, hogs, and
10 cattle; in 1976, he became the Marion County Emergency
11 Management Coordinator, retiring in 2002 at the age of 80; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 65 years,
13 Billie Fay Norton Real; daughter, Lanetta (Ron) Phillips; son,
14 Kenneth (Brenda) Real; granddaughter, Hannah Real; and
15 grandson, Matthew Real; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
17 predeceased by his brothers, James Middleton Real, Leeburn
18 Real, and John Henry Real; and sisters, Annie Lee Lawler and
19 Nellie Mae Lindsey; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Real was a valued member of the
21 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
22 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
23 were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. D.D. Real is
26 recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in

1 highest tribute to his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to
2 his grieving family.