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3       By Representative Millican  
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5       First Read: 07-FEB-12

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.