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3 By Representatives Sanderford and Patterson
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. STEVE ERNEST TONDERA, SR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that
11 we mourn the death of Mr. Steve Ernest Tondera, Sr., of
12 Huntsville, Alabama, on February 13, 2013, at the age of 79
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of
15 his loving family and his many friends; and

16 WHEREAS, born on September 20, 1933, in Bellmead,
17 Texas, he was the son of Stephan John Tondera and Ottilie
18 Marie Pursche Tondera; he graduated from Baylor University
19 with a Degree in Mathematics and Physics and served with honor
20 and distinction in the United States Army, stationed at
21 Redstone Arsenal; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a charter member of NASA, a
23 dedicated Baptist churchman, and a progressive cattleman; his
24 leadership roles in civic and charitable organizations
25 included the University of South Alabama Foundation, Lions
26 Club, and the American Red Cross, among others; he enjoyed

1 raising registered Santa Gertrudis cattle on the "Diamond T"
2 Ranch, and collecting antique tools and barbed wire; he
3 especially enjoyed riding the train and collecting railroad
4 memorabilia; he will be remembered for his many random acts of
5 kindness, often to strangers; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
7 predeceased by a brother, Ernest, and four sisters, Elsie
8 Powell, Agnes Curtis, Annie Haenchen, and Albert Dorcey; and

9 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Bonnie Perkins
10 Tondera; daughter, Tamra Tondera (Denny) Renfrow; sons, Steven
11 Tondera, Jr., and Joe Tondera; brother, Harold Tondera; and
12 six grandchildren; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
14 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Steve Ernest
15 Tondera, Sr., is recorded with deep sadness, and this
16 resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to his family,
17 whose grief is shared by many.