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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 18-APR-13

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DONALD DINGES.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. William Donald Dinges of Huntsville, Alabama,
12 on April 8, 2013, at the age of 84 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, born on May 15, 1928, he was well-known as
16 a successful entrepreneur in addition to working as an
17 engineer on the Apollo Project at NASA until the 1970s; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dinges opened the first Taco Bell
19 Restaurant in 1969, and progressed to a total of seven stores
20 throughout the State of Alabama; he also opened five Sizzler's
21 Restaurants in Huntsville, Decatur, and Birmingham during the
22 same time period; in recent years, his retirement was spent
23 investing in local businesses; and

24 WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his son, Rick Dinges;
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26 WHEREAS, survivors include his loving wife of more
27 than 64 years, Beth Dinges; daughters, Linda Fulmer and Ann

1 Weinacker; daughter-in-law, Sherry Dingess; son-in-law, Sidney
2 Weinacker; six grandchildren, Rodney Fulmer, Gray Weinacker,
3 Michael Dingess, Machel Weinacker, Adam Weinacker, and Matthew
4 Weinacker; and two great-grandchildren, Brayden Weinacker and
5 Eliot Dingess; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Dingess was a valued member of the
7 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
8 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
9 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. William
12 Donald Dingess is recorded with deep sadness, and this
13 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life along
14 with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared
15 by many.