

1 HR409
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3 By Representatives Merrill and Harper
4 RFD:
5 First Read: 02-MAY-13

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT EARL RILEY, SR.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. Robert Earl Riley, Sr., of Northport,
12 Alabama, on April 7, 2013, at the age of 79 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, 1933, to Willie and Eula
16 Dean Riley, he grew up in Bessemer and graduated from Bessemer
17 High School in 1951, prior to joining the United States Navy,
18 serving with honor and distinction for four years; he then
19 earned a Degree in Business from The University of Alabama and
20 was employed for 16 years with South Central Bell before
21 entering private business with Gilbreth, Foster, Brooks,
22 Riley, and Stephens; he then worked at UA as
23 Telecommunications Director for 14 years, retiring in 1996;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, Mr. Riley was
26 a Deacon and Trustee at Alberta Baptist Church, where he was a

1 faithful member for more than 25 years, and he was a Gideon
2 for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was
4 predeceased by his two brothers, Marvin Riley and Terry Riley;
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6 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of 58 years,
7 Catherine Riley; daughter, Ann (Ken) Horst; sons, Earl Riley
8 and Jeff Riley; sisters, Sylvia Lambert and Theresa Pannell;
9 and grandchildren, Brett (Ashleigh) Horst, Conrad Horst, Byron
10 Horst, Corbin Horst, Blakeney Riley, and Paige Riley; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Riley was a valued member of the
12 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
13 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
14 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

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