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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. CHARLES RAYFORD EVANS.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mr. Charles Rayford Evans of Gadsden, Alabama, on
12 February 7, 2014, 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, Mr. Evans was ordained a Deacon at age 25
16 at James Memorial Baptist Church, where he served in many
17 capacities; his community contributions included serving on
18 the Etowah County Board of Education for six years; he was
19 employed in the Engineering Department at Gulf States Steel
20 for 45 years and in his spare time was an avid golfer; and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved wife of
22 almost 60 years, Marie; daughter, Amy Evans Merka (Bill); son,
23 Mark Evans; grandchildren, Robert and Jonathan Evans and Sara
24 and Madaleine Merka; brother, Norris Evans; sisters-in-law,
25 Merle Upton, Lois Dubois, and Bobbie Evans; and several nieces
26 and nephews; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was a valued member of the
2 community; although his presence will be greatly missed, his
3 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
4 fortunate to know him; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mr. Charles
7 Rayford Evans is recorded with deep sadness, and this
8 resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with
9 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by
10 many.