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4 Beech, Black, Boman, Boothe, Bracy, Bridges, Brown, Burdine,  
5 Buskey, Butler, Buttram, Carns, Chesteen, Clarke, Clouse,  
6 Coleman-Evans, Collins, Colston, Davis, DeMarco, Drake,  
7 England, Farley, Faust, Fincher, Ford, Forte, Gaston, Givan,  
8 Greer, Greeson, Grimsley, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Henry, Hill,  
9 Holmes (A), Holmes (M), Howard, Hubbard (J), Hubbard (M),  
10 Hurst, Ison, Jackson, Johnson (A), Johnson (K), Johnson (R),  
11 Johnson (W), Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long,  
12 McAdory, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin,  
13 McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton, Merrill, Millican, Mitchell,  
14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Newton, Nordgren, Patterson,  
15 Payne, Polizos, Poole, Rich, Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson  
16 (O), Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver,  
17 Standridge, Todd, Treadaway, Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren,  
18 Weaver, Wilcox, Williams (D), Williams (J), Williams (P)  
19 and Wood

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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIE ANDREW FARRIOR.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss  
11 that we mourn the death of Mr. Willie Andrew Farrior of  
12 Talladega, Alabama, on March 29, 2014, at the age of 91 years;  
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14 WHEREAS, his passing leaves a void in the lives of  
15 his loving family and his many friends, for whom he was a  
16 lifelong inspiration; and

17 WHEREAS, born on October 15, 1922, in Bullock  
18 County, Alabama, he was the son of Green and Zelphia Farrior;  
19 he was educated at the Alabama School for the Negro Blind and  
20 later became an exemplary employee of the Alabama Industries  
21 for the Deaf and Blind, retiring in 1990 after 40 years of  
22 service during which he received many awards including being  
23 the first Black person to be recognized as Blind Worker of the  
24 Year; and

25 WHEREAS, his additional well-deserved recognitions  
26 through the years included Outstanding Talladega Citizen 2000,  
27 being listed on the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, and

1       having Farrior Drive dedicated in his honor in 2002, along  
2       with many Commendations, Certificates of Merit, and  
3       Achievement and Service Awards; most notably, his leadership  
4       is credited with attaining significant improvements in  
5       benefits for employees and retirees; and

6               WHEREAS, Mr. Farrior was a devout member and deacon  
7       at Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, and member of  
8       the NAACP Senior Coalition, Alabama Education Retirees  
9       Association, Alabama Council for the Blind, and AIDB Workers  
10      Association, among other organizations; and

11             WHEREAS, Mr. Farrior was a valued member of the  
12      community; although his presence will be missed, his legacy  
13      will endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts of  
14      those who were 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. Willie  
17      Andrew Farrior is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
18      resolution is offered in highest tribute to his life and with  
19      heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
20      many.