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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF Mr. ROBERT THOMAS ROLLER.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Robert Thomas
11 Roller of Bowdon, Alabama, on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, with
12 deep sadness and regret; his invaluable life of 69 years is
13 commended and celebrated with tremendous thanksgiving; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Roller leaves a void in
15 the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the entire
16 community, where he was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, he was born January 24, 1945, in Sedalia,
18 Missouri, to the union of the late Robert Michael Roller and
19 Margaret Elizabeth Vile Roller Kriz; and

20 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Chilton County High
21 School in 1962, he entered the United States Marine Corps with
22 the intention of building a military career; however, his plan
23 was altered after he suffered major injuries during Vietnam;
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25 WHEREAS, a squad leader with Company F, Second
26 Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, he was wounded three times

1 during a search and clear operation near the demilitarized
2 zone in Quang Tri Province on October 13, 1966; despite
3 incurring two injuries, he rendered first aid to the other
4 wounded Marines and organized the evacuation of his fallen
5 comrades; Sergeant Roller incurred his third wound, the one
6 that ended his career, when a bullet went through his hip,
7 flak jacket, cartridge belt, and out the other side; and

8 WHEREAS, notably, Mr. Roller received the Navy
9 Cross, the second highest medal a Marine can earn for heroic
10 actions while engaged in conflict; he was medically discharged
11 from the Marine Corps in 1968; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Roller earned a Bachelor's Degree in
13 Art Education in 1992 from the University of West Georgia; he
14 owned an art studio in Carrollton, Georgia, before moving to
15 Bowdon, Georgia, where he owned and operated the Potter's
16 Rhumb; he strove to help others better themselves and taught
17 educational classes to inmates at the Carroll County, Georgia,
18 Sheriff's Department; and

19 WHEREAS, survivors include his sister, Peggy Bishop;
20 and brother, George C. Roller; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Roller was a valued member of the
22 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
23 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
24 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of

1 Mr. Robert Thomas Roller, we are extremely grateful for his
2 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
3 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
4 his family and friends.