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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 LEGENDARY UNITED STATES ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND AUTHOR HAL
10 MOORE.
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12 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
13 death of legendary United States Army Lieutenant General and
14 author Hal Moore of Auburn, Alabama, on February 10, 2017, at
15 95 years of age, and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy
16 with utmost reverence and respect; and

17 WHEREAS, the passing of Lieutenant General Hal Moore
18 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
19 and countless individuals whom he positively impacted; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Moore was born February
21 13, 1922, in Bardstown, Kentucky, to the union of Harold, Sr.,
22 and Mary (Crume) Moore, as the eldest of four children; he
23 married the former Julia B. Compton at the Fort Bragg main
24 post chapel on November 22, 1949; and

25 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Moore had the utmost
26 distinction of being the first member of the West Point Class

1 of 1945 to rise through the ranks as brigadier general, major
2 general, and lieutenant general and being presented the
3 Distinguished Graduate Award by the West Point Association of
4 Graduates; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from West Point and
6 receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in the
7 infantry, he served with the 187th glider Infantry Regiment in
8 Sapporo, Japan, and later served with the 82nd Airborne
9 Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he jump-tested
10 experimental parachutes, making more than 130 test jumps in
11 two years; and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Moore served as commander for a
13 heavy mortar company and an infantry company in the 17th
14 Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, and the 11th Air
15 Assault Division; he is renowned for his service as commander
16 of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, at the Battle of
17 Ia Drang in 1965 during the Vietnam War; and

18 WHEREAS, he co-authored the acclaimed novel, "We
19 Were Soldiers Once and Young," which was based on his
20 experiences in the Battle of Ia Drang and was adapted into the
21 2002 film, "We Were Soldiers," starring Mel Gibson; and

22 WHEREAS, through the years, Lieutenant General Moore
23 earned widespread admiration and respect for his tireless
24 dedication and exceptional abilities as well as for his
25 unwavering commitment to the defense and freedom of democracy;
26 and

1 WHEREAS, the highly decorated United States Army
2 Lieutenant General earned the Distinguished Service Cross,
3 Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Army Distinguished Service
4 Medal, Legion of Merit with two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters,
5 Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and three bronze Oak Leaf
6 Clusters, the Air Medal with one silver and three bronze Oak
7 Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army
8 Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the American
9 Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World
10 War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the
11 National Defense Service Medal with one 3/16" bronze star, the
12 Korean Service Medal with three bronze 3/16" bronze stars, the
13 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal
14 with three 3/16" bronze stars, the Republic of Vietnam
15 Gallantry Cross with three Palms and a bronze star, the United
16 Nations Service Medal for Korea, the Republic of Vietnam
17 Campaign Medal with 1960 device, the Republic of Korea War
18 Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Parachutist Badge, the
19 Army Presidential Unit Citation, the Republic of Korea
20 Presidential Unit Citation, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry
21 Cross Unit Citation with Palm, the 1st Cavalry Division Combat
22 Service Identification Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge,
23 the Basic Army Aviator Badge, the Original Air Assault Badge,
24 the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge,
25 the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Order of Saint
26 Maurice by the National Infantry Association; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include three sons and two
2 daughters, Harold Gregory Moore, III, retired Lieutenant
3 Colonel Stephen Moore, Julie Moore Orlowski, Cecile Moore
4 Rainey, and retired Colonel David Moore; 11 grandchildren; and
5 four great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Hal Moore was a valued
7 member of society; although his presence is greatly missed,
8 his memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those
9 who were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
12 Lieutenant General Hal Moore, we are extremely grateful for
13 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
14 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
15 sympathy to his family and friends.