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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
27 of 1945 to rise through the ranks as brigadier general, major

1 general, and lieutenant general and being presented the
2 Distinguished Graduate Award by the West Point Association of
3 Graduates; and

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the highly decorated United States Army
27 Lieutenant General earned the Distinguished Service Cross,

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

25 WHEREAS, survivors include three sons and two
26 daughters, Harold Gregory Moore, III, retired Lieutenant
27 Colonel Stephen Moore, Julie Moore Orlowski, Cecile Moore

1 Rainey, and retired Colonel David Moore; 11 grandchildren; and
2 four great-grandchildren; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
9 Lieutenant General Hal Moore, we are extremely grateful for
10 his abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
11 tribute to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
12 sympathy to his family and friends.