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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 SHANNON SLOAN.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death of Mr. Shannon Sloan of Albertville, Alabama, on
13 February 12, 2017, at 86 years of age, and we uplift his
14 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;
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16 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Sloan leaves a void in
17 the lives of his family, many friends, and the entire
18 community, where he was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Sloan was born April 6, 1930, in
20 Lincoln County, Kentucky, as the second of 10 children born to
21 James Lansford and Soonie McCurry Slone; in 1956, he graduated
22 from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, where he met his
23 beloved and devoted wife, Wanda Nell Sumners, of Boaz,
24 Alabama; the highly regarded couple relocated to Alabama,
25 where he accepted a pivotal coaching job as a Basketball Coach
26 at Albertville High School; over the course of his

1 distinguished tenure, he also coached track and golf and
2 served as an assistant football coach; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sloan served with much honor and
4 distinction as a member of the United States Army during the
5 Korean War; for his meritorious service, he received the
6 Korean Service Medal, three Bronze Stars, and the UN Service
7 Medal; he was a faithful and devoted member of Albertville
8 First Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder; he was a
9 member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association and a
10 1999 inductee of the Alabama High School Athletic Association
11 Hall of Fame; he was also a 2002 inductee of the Marshall
12 County Sports Hall of Fame Charter Class; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sloan was an avid farmer, hunter, and
14 fisherman who loved to share the bounty of his garden with
15 family and friends; his influence and generosity touched many
16 lives; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors include children, Tom Sloan
18 (Kelly) and Shannon Franks (Randy); grandchildren, John Sloan
19 (Christy), Erin Miller (Heath), and Leah and Olivia Sloan;
20 great-grandson, Noah Sloan; special friend, Margaret Cheek;
21 brothers, Jim Slone and Leo Slone (Gaynell); and sister, Dixie
22 Smith; he was preceded in death by his beloved and devoted
23 wife of 49 years, Wanda "Nellie" Sloan; his parents; brothers,
24 Quention, Cleo, and Doug Slone; sisters, Eden Gay Gray, Joyce
25 Robbins, Melba Cox, and Vivin Slone; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Sloan was a valued member of the
27 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory

1 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
2 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
5 Mr. Shannon Sloan, we are extremely grateful for his abundant
6 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his
7 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and
8 friends.