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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. THEOPLUS JEFFERSON TAYLOR.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 13, 2019, of Mr. Theoplus Jefferson Taylor  
12 of Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 97 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born on August 22, 1921, Mr. Taylor was the  
17 second of six children born to Thomas Jefferson Taylor and  
18 Louisa Acklin Taylor; and

19 WHEREAS, after his graduation from Council High  
20 School, Mr. Taylor entered the military at the start of World  
21 War II and trained in Peoria, Illinois, and Caterpillar as a  
22 Heavy Equipment Operator/Maintainer; he served in the Army Air  
23 Corps as a Sergeant in charge of heavy equipment operations  
24 and mechanics; he was deployed overseas and fought in New  
25 Guinea and the Southern Philippines; he received the  
26 Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, the Good

1 Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; he was  
2 honorably discharged on January 1, 1946; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor received a certificate in  
4 Electricity and Machine Shop Operations from Alabama A and M  
5 University, where he and his brother built the first air  
6 conditioning system on the campus and installed it in the  
7 office of the President; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor retired after 30 years of  
9 service at Redstone Arsenal as the Director of Utilities; and

10 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved  
11 wife of 46 years, Mrs. Winland Jordan Taylor; sister, Lue  
12 Velma Taylor Wynn; brothers, George Taylor, Charles Taylor,  
13 and Marvin Taylor; and stepmother, Ludie Mae Ewing Taylor; and

14 WHEREAS, survivors include his son, Bruce Clayton  
15 Taylor, Sr., (Helen); sister, Gladys Taylor Jacobs;  
16 sister-in-law, Rosie Lipscomb Taylor; grandsons, Bruce Clayton  
17 Taylor, Jr., (Nichole) and Jeffrey Majors Taylor (Magdalene);  
18 great-grandchildren, Emma Noelle Taylor, Lena Christine  
19 Taylor, and William Lucas Taylor; a close cousin, Musie Hinds;  
20 a special friend, Mary Wesson; and a host of other relatives  
21 and friends; and

22 WHEREAS, although his presence will be greatly  
23 missed, the memory of Mr. Taylor will be cherished in the  
24 hearts of all who knew and loved him; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mr. Theoplus  
27 Jefferson Taylor is recorded with deep sadness, and this

1 resolution is offered in tribute to his life and with  
2 heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by  
3 many.