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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT JOHN FEIST.

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10 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mr. Robert John Feist  
11 on July 11, 2015, with deep sadness and regret; his invaluable  
12 life of 85 years is commended and celebrated with tremendous  
13 thanksgiving; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Feist was born in Zeeland, North  
18 Dakota; at an early age, he lost his father to a swimming  
19 accident, and his mother kept the family's general store  
20 running through the Great Depression; he went to live with his  
21 grandmother in Royalton, Minnesota, to obtain his high school  
22 education because Zeeland did not have any high schools; and

23 WHEREAS, on his grandmother's dairy farm, he milked  
24 cows and repaired fences; he excelled as a student at Royalton  
25 High School, where he played trumpet in the band, edited the  
26 newspaper, held various offices, and was valedictorian of his  
27 class; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Feist graduated from the University of  
2 San Francisco; he met his beloved and devoted wife of 62  
3 years, Marge, who attended the College of the Holy Names, at a  
4 dance held for their respective colleges; a member of the  
5 ROTC, Mr. Feist was commissioned into the Army and received  
6 orders to serve in Germany; and

7           WHEREAS, their son, Bob, Jr., was born in Heidelberg  
8 in 1955; during his second tour in Germany in Pirmasens, he  
9 and Marge adopted their daughter, Patty, in 1965; while in  
10 Germany, Mr. Feist enjoyed driving racecars; and

11           WHEREAS, during his distinguished 30-year career in  
12 the Army, he served as a batallion commander twice, and in  
13 addition to Germany, he served in California, Texas, Alabama,  
14 Virginia, and Vietnam; a graduate of the Army War College, he  
15 served as the Hellfire project manager and retired as  
16 Commander of Ballistic Missile Defense in 1983; and

17           WHEREAS, he was awarded a number of medals including  
18 the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and the Vietnamese Cross of  
19 Gallantry; after retirement, he worked for SAIC for 10 years;  
20 he served on the board that planned the building of a  
21 continuing care retirement community, Redstone Village; he  
22 eventually moved to Grandview Gardens, where he flourished  
23 under the care of exceptional staff; and

24           WHEREAS, through the years, he earned immense  
25 respect for his tireless dedication and exceptional abilities,  
26 and his unwavering commitment to excellence in the defense of

1 freedom and democracy reflected immense honor upon the great  
2 State of Alabama, and the entire country; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife; son, Robert  
4 (Katy); and his daughter, Patty Angles (Keith); six  
5 grandchildren, David Angles (Andrea), Madeline Angles, Paul  
6 Feist, Andrew Feist, Matthew Feist, and Erin Feist; and one  
7 great-grandchild, Lucas Angles; and various nieces, nephews,  
8 and cousins; he was preceded in death by his parents and his  
9 two sisters, Mary Lou and Bernadette; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Feist was a valued member of the  
11 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory  
12 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
13 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
16 Mr. Robert John Feist, we are extremely grateful for his  
17 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
18 to his inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt tribute to  
19 his family and friends.