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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 WILLIAM JESSIE WHEAT.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 death of Mr. William Jessie Wheat of Chatom, Alabama, on
13 January 6, 2018, at 84 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. William Jessie Wheat
17 leaves a void in the lives of his loving family, many friends,
18 and the entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheat was born March 30, 1933, to the
20 union of Joe and Viola Burroughs Wheat; he proudly served four
21 years in the United States Navy and provided exceptional
22 service as the town marshal and Chief of Police of Chatom; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheat was a charter member of the
24 Fraternal Order of Police and became Chief Deputy of the
25 Washington County Sheriff's Department, serving under Henry
26 Clay Locke and Judson Sullivan; for 32 years, he served as the
27 Washington County Sheriff; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted
2 wife of 60 years, Claudia Louise Wheat; children, Greg
3 (Janice) Wheat, Becky (Randy) Waddill, Misty (Mark) Davis;
4 grandchildren, Cristie McKenzie, Erica Adame, Natosha
5 Davidson, Stephanie Davidson, Jessica Sullivan, Bruce Davis,
6 and Justin Davis; and numerous great-grandchildren; and one
7 great-great-grandchild; and

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

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
14 Mr. William Jessie Wheat, we are extremely grateful for his
15 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
16 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
17 and friends.