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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
9 ROBERT B. LAKE.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened  
12 to learn of the death of Mr. Robert B. "Bob" Lake of  
13 Moundville, Alabama, on November 16, 2017, at 73 years of age,  
14 and we uplift his inspiring life and legacy with utmost  
15 reverence and respect; and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. Robert B. Lake leaves a  
17 void in the lives of his loving family, many friends, and the  
18 entire community, where he was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Lake, an alumnus of Tuscaloosa High  
20 School and The University of Alabama, served with much honor  
21 in the National Guard; for many years, he worked in finance in  
22 Jackson, Mississippi, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Deland,  
23 Florida; he returned to West Alabama and took a position at  
24 the Bank of Moundville, and as he and his wife reared their  
25 four children in Moundville, he served on the Moundville Town  
26 Council from 1980 until 1984 and as Mayor of Moundville from  
27 1984 until 1996; as Mayor, he was instrumental in the

1 formation of the West Alabama Council of Mayors; he was also  
2 influential in the founding of the Moundville Jaycees and  
3 served the organization as Senator; he secured a grant that  
4 enabled a revitalization of the downtown area and he led the  
5 West Alabama Regional Commission for 21 years; he served in  
6 numerous civic leadership positions and represented rural  
7 communities while serving as Chair of the West Alabama  
8 Planning and Development Council; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lake was a family man who loved serving  
10 others; his honors have included the David Cochran Award  
11 presented by the West Alabama Regional Commission; and  
12 Business Man of the Year-Hale County Farm-City program;  
13 Northport Citizen of the Year, Business 2016; the Moundville  
14 Head Start facility was named the Robert B. Lake Head Start  
15 Program; he enjoyed red fishing with his family and friends,  
16 attending Alabama football games, and traveling domestically  
17 and internationally; he kept up with the local news through  
18 the Wednesday Breakfast Gang comprised of his friends, Larry  
19 O'Neal, Earl Mitchell, John Lollar, Mike Fields, and Bill  
20 Walker; and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include his beloved and devoted  
22 wife, Linda J. Lake; daughters, Jennifer Ann Anderson (Steve)  
23 and Sandi McMahon (DJ); sons, Robert C. Lake (Michelle),  
24 George A. Lake (Lisa), Paul J. Lake, and Michael Massey;  
25 sister, Betty Holliman and her children, David and Steven;  
26 grandchildren, Sarah Kidwell, Catherine Kidwell, Anna Kidwell,  
27 John Robert Kidwell, Grace Anne Lake, Mary Beth Lake, Chace

1 Lake, Garrett Lake, Sydney Lake, Avery Lake, Anna Laura  
2 Bigham, Cody Bigham, Parker Anderson and Garrett Anderson; he  
3 was preceded in death by his parents, Robert A. Lake and Sara  
4 Hamby Lake and infant son, John Patrick Lake; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert B. Lake was a valued member of  
6 the community; although his presence is greatly missed, his  
7 memory is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who  
8 were fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
11 Mr. Robert B. Lake, we are extremely grateful for his abundant  
12 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to his  
13 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family and  
14 friends.