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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR.
9 WILBURN DAVENPORT.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the
12 passing of Mr. Wilburn "W.T." Davenport of Hokes Bluff,
13 Alabama, on January 31, 2017, at 81 years of age, and we
14 uplift his inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and
15 respect; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was born April 12, 1935, in
20 Altoona, Alabama; he is a distinguished graduate of the Aloona
21 High School Class of 1955; in high school, he shined as the
22 senior class president and as an all-county and all-state
23 member of the football team; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport severed with much honor as a
25 member of the United States Army for two years before
26 embarking on his remarkable career with Goodyear, where he
27 served as the Union Representative, Division Chairman, and

1 President of Local 12; notably, he served as the Director of
2 District 8 United Steel Workers for 19 years; Mr. Davenport
3 retired in 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport cherished time spent with
5 family and friends, and he enjoyed playing cards and watching
6 Alabama Football; he was baptized in the Baptist faith in
7 1969; and

8 WHEREAS, survivors include the love of his life for
9 62 years, Shirley Davenport; son, Greg (Phyllena) Davenport;
10 daughter, Sharon Pitts; chosen daughter, Beth Lee; grandsons,
11 Evan (Janice) Davenport, Troy Davenport, and Blake Boatwright;
12 great-grandsons, Dillon, Taylor, Grant, and Jake Boatwright;
13 great-granddaughters, Laci Davenport, Jenna Roberts, Brooke
14 and Kayla Kean; brother-in-law, Kyle "Buddy" Norris; special
15 sisters-in-law, Brenda (Roger) Fulenwider and Judy Davenport;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport was a valued member of the
18 community; although his presence is greatly missed, his memory
19 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
20 fortunate enough to know him; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
23 Mr. Wilburn Davenport, we are extremely grateful for his
24 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
25 to his legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to his family
26 and friends.