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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. JACQUELYN DYAR THOMPSON.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 13, 2019, of Mrs. Jacquelyn "Jackie" Dyar  
12 Thompson of Enterprise, Alabama, at the age of 78 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was born to James Guy and  
17 Eleanor Searcy Dyar; and

18 WHEREAS, affectionately known as Grandmother, Ms.  
19 Jackie, and Big Jack to many, Mrs. Thompson was a lifetime  
20 resident of Enterprise, Alabama; she loved her family and her  
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, she worked hard, and she loved expanding  
23 her knowledge and being involved in the workplace and in her  
24 community; as a teenager, she worked in her father's shirt  
25 factory, Searcy Company; later, she became a co-owner of local  
26 retail shops, the Tree House and Bromberg's; also, she managed  
27 Westgate Shopping Center, worked as a bookkeeper for Easy Pay

1 Tire Store, and worked as an agent for Century 21 for 27  
2 years; furthermore, she was one of Enterprise's best  
3 ambassadors, she served as President of the Wiregrass Board of  
4 Realtors in 1997, and she received the Realtor of the Year  
5 Award in 1998, along with numerous other awards throughout the  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1984, Mrs. Thompson became a member of  
8 the Enterprise City Council; in 1989, she was appointed as the  
9 first female Mayor of Enterprise; in 1990, she was chosen as  
10 Enterprise's Woman of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a lifelong member of First Baptist  
12 Church, a member of the Phyllis Talmadge Sunday School Class,  
13 one of the first members of the Twentieth Century Misses  
14 Chautauqua Club, and an active member of the Twentieth Century  
15 Chautauqua Club; also, she was a strong supporter of the  
16 Enterprise Recreational Center; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson served on various boards and  
18 committees; she served as the Board President of the YMCA from  
19 1983 to 1984, and she served on the Coffee County Family  
20 Services Board as well; and

21 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents,  
22 James Guy and Eleanor Searcy Dyar; and brother, Jim Dyar; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband,  
24 Harrell Thompson; children, Robert Harrell Thompson, Jr.,  
25 Terri Averett (Bruce), Jim Thompson (Bev), and Greg Thompson  
26 (Jodee); grandchildren, Hadley Thompson McAlister (Brandon),  
27 John Robert Thompson, Ashley Averett, Eric Averett, Sid

1 Thompson, Ele Thompson, Stacy Lin Thompson, and Dyar Thompson;  
2 great-grandchildren, Finley Kate McAlister and Eason  
3 McAlister; and a host of cousins; and

4 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
5 missed, the memory of Mrs. Thompson will be cherished in the  
6 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Jacquelyn  
9 "Jackie" Dyar Thompson is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
10 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
11 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
12 many.