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2 RB43TYN-2
3 By Representative Faulkner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ELLA
4 COBBS COOK.

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6 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
7 mourn the untimely death, yet celebrate the life, of Ella
8 Cobbs Cook of Birmingham, Alabama, whose passing took place
9 on December 13, 2025, at Brown University in Providence,
10 Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, Ella was born on July 18, 2006, to Anna
12 Bishop Cook and Richard Poellnitz Cook in Birmingham; she
13 was the sister of Richard Hooker Poellnitz Cook and Mary
14 Hamner Cook; and

15 WHEREAS, Ella was a sophomore at Brown when she died,
16 concentrating in French and Mathematics-Economics; before
17 college, she graduated from Mountain Brook High School; Ella
18 was an active, lifelong member of Cathedral Church of the
19 Advent in Birmingham; and

20 WHEREAS, Ella was known for a wide array of
21 interests, including spending time with her precious
22 friends, babysitting many children who were special to her,
23 teaching young people in Bible studies, Sunday school, and
24 academic subjects; she had a love for piano, dance, spending
25 time outdoors in Hale County, and traveling anywhere,
26 especially where French is spoken; and

27 WHEREAS, the quality of Ella's personality and soul
28 that most touched others was her Christian faith; she



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29 genuinely believed in Christ's death and resurrection, and
30 wanted to share the good new of grace she had received; she
31 lived out her faith in her care and concern for others; she
32 loved everyone with her whole heart; and

33 WHEREAS, her quiet demeanor was eclipsed by a heart
34 as large as the sun; she led by putting others before
35 herself; her siblings described her as protective,
36 responsible, and selfless; Ella was adored by her circle of
37 friends from Birmingham to Providence, and her sudden death
38 has inspired immeasurable gratitude from all who knew her;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her parents;
41 brother and sister; grandparents, Deane Poellnitz Cook,
42 Arthur Philip Cook, Jr., Katherine Stephens Bishop, and
43 William Moss Bishop; uncles and aunts, Arthur Philip Cook
44 III, Morgan Cook, Leigh Bishop, David Taub, Sissy Bishop
45 Austin, and David Austin; beloved family member, Sandra
46 McCollum; and seven special first cousins; now therefore,

47 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
48 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Ella Cobbs Cook
49 is noted with deep sadness, and even as we mourn her death
50 and the loss it represents, we also celebrate her life, and
51 her reflected glory will be with her family and friends
52 forever; we offer this resolution in highest tribute with
53 heartfelt sympathy to her family.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Romans 8:38-39 states,
55 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor
56 angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,



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57 nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other
58 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God,
59 which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 22-Jan-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

12-Feb-26

Adopted