

**HJR14 ENROLLED**



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



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

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John Treadwell  
Clerk

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12-Feb-26

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