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3 By Senators Orr, Butler, Barron, Beason, Bedford, Benefield,  
4 Bishop, Brooks, Coleman, Denton, Dixon, Dunn, Erwin, Figures,  
5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,  
6 Means, Mitchell, Mitchem, Penn, Pittman, Poole, Preuitt, Ross,  
7 Sanders, Sanford, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman and Waggoner  
8 RFD:  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR20,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. REBECCA BREWER COOPER.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
8 news is received of the untimely death of Mrs. Rebecca "Becky"  
9 Brewer Cooper of Birmingham, Alabama, on December 31, 2009, at  
10 the age of 58; and

11 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa on October 17, 1951, she  
12 was the daughter of former Governor Albert P. Brewer and the  
13 late Martha F. Brewer; and

14 WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of Decatur  
15 and Montgomery, she attended Auburn University and after  
16 earning a nursing degree from Jefferson State Community  
17 College, she dedicated her life to serving those in need;  
18 through the years, she practiced nursing in a number of  
19 institutions and ended her career in the Heart Catheterization  
20 Laboratory at the Kirklin Clinic; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper and her husband spent the last  
22 several years in the Smoky Mountains, where she continued her  
23 charitable service by volunteering at the local hospital and  
24 serving on the Foundation for the Angel Medical Center Board  
25 of Directors in Franklin, North Carolina; in her spare time,

1       she enjoyed walks in the woods, tending her flower garden, and  
2       making new friends; Mrs. Cooper was well-known as an  
3       accomplished hostess and cook and especially enjoyed cooking  
4       for family and friends during the holidays; and

5               WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her death her loving  
6       and beloved husband of 38 years, James "Jim" Cooper, Jr.; son,  
7       James Preston (Laura) Cooper; granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann  
8       Cooper; her father, Governor Brewer; sister, Alison (Mark)  
9       Calhoun; and nieces, Mary Martha (Andrew) Knowlton and Katie  
10      Calhoun; along with numerous caring friends; and

11               WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was admired for her ability to  
12      listen from the heart, and she was a continual source of  
13      encouragement for family and friends, whose potential she  
14      recognized and nourished; a woman of abiding faith, she was an  
15      inspiration to everyone she encountered, and her presence will  
16      be greatly missed by all those who were privileged to know her  
17      during the brief span of her life; now therefore,

18               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19      HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Mrs.  
20      Rebecca Brewer Cooper is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
21      resolution is offered in tribute to her life of achievement  
22      and service, along with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving  
23      family and all those she leaves bereft.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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McDowell Lee  
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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Adopted: 19-JAN-10

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By: Senator Orr