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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
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9 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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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

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.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 19-JAN-10

By: Senator Orr