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8 HONORING MARY VON BERG ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

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10 WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend  
11 commendations and congratulations to Mary Von Berg on the  
12 occasion of celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 9, 2010;  
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14 WHEREAS, born Mary Malinda Ratliff on March 9, 1910,  
15 on the Johnson Ranch outside of Powell Butte, Oregon, she  
16 remembers as a child of about five, walking behind a covered  
17 wagon as her family moved to the Willamette Valley; at the age  
18 of seven, her mother died in an influenza outbreak, and the  
19 six siblings were placed in an orphanage, where they were  
20 adopted to separate families; they were not reunited until she  
21 was in her mid to late thirties; and

22 WHEREAS, in June of 1926 she married and moved to  
23 the Sacramento area of California; she had three sons,  
24 Kenneth, Donald, and Charles; she and her husband, Russell Von  
25 Berg, were married for 26 years, and they were tireless  
26 workers assisting developmentally challenged adults in the  
27 Kainos Group Home in San Bruno, California; and

1               WHEREAS, she has been a resident of Enterprise,  
2               Alabama, since 1992, having moved there to reside with her  
3               widowed daughter-in-law, Lois Underwood; and

4               WHEREAS, until the age of 97, she bowled twice a  
5               week in a senior bowling league; in addition, she learned to  
6               use the computer, corresponding via E-mail with family members  
7               across the country as well as working with photography  
8               software to reproduce the many family pictures she collected;  
9               and

10              WHEREAS, she is beloved by her surviving son, three  
11              daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren,  
12              and 17 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom join in joyous  
13              celebration of her 100th Birthday; and

14              WHEREAS, through the years, she has earned  
15              widespread respect for her keen mind, kind heart, and  
16              indomitable spirit, and in her Centennial Year she continues  
17              to be a source of inspiration to all those who are privileged  
18              to know her; now therefore,

19              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20              THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mary Von Berg is honored and  
21              commended on the occasion of celebrating the milestone of her  
22              100th Birthday, and this resolution is offered in highest  
23              tribute to her remarkable life, along with heartiest  
24              congratulations and best wishes for the future.