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3 By Representatives Hurst, Johnson (R) and Boyd
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8 HONORING BERTHA ANSLEY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER
9 103RD BIRTHDAY.

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11 WHEREAS, we take great pride and special pleasure in
12 honoring Bertha Ansley of Talladega, Alabama, on the recent
13 celebration of the occasion of her 103rd birthday in December,
14 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, Christmas and Mrs. Ansley's birthday are
16 close together and the holiday has become an annual, week-long
17 celebration for her entire family; in 2010 the special
18 occasion was marked in the usual tradition of Mrs. Ansley's
19 family and friends gathering at the home where she has lived
20 for almost 40 years; and

21 WHEREAS, part of the fun of the tradition is
22 decorating the home for the holidays; Mrs. Ansley's favorite
23 color is green, the color of her favorite gift, money; her
24 home was decorated with 10 interior Christmas trees, garlands
25 and lights, and a yard filled with decorations; and

26 WHEREAS, the 2010 celebration included her daughter,
27 Peggy Gilliland; son, Jerry Ansley; grandsons, Barry and Chris

1 Gilliland; granddaughter, Jenny Gilliland; former
2 next-door-neighbors, Bud and Judy Harville; and a host of
3 other family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Bertha Ansley was born in Rockmart,
5 Georgia, and her family, which included nine brothers and
6 sisters, moved to Talladega when Mrs. Ansley was only four
7 years old; Mrs. Ansley recalls her first job working at Acme
8 Knitting in Anniston for \$7.20 per week and soon tripling her
9 salary to \$18 weekly elsewhere; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ansley was married to her late
11 husband, Austin Ansley, for 50 years before his death in 1986
12 and tells the younger set that the best way to stay married is
13 "to just keep your mouth shut!"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ansley has been witness to remarkable
15 events for over a century; her remarkable long life has been a
16 source of joy and gratitude for her family and friends and she
17 deserves acclaim from the citizens of the State of Alabama;
18 now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Mrs. Bertha Ansley is heartily
21 congratulated on the occasion of her 103rd birthday, a
22 milestone attained by few, and this resolution is offered in
23 highest tribute to her along with best wishes for continuing
24 health and happiness.