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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Mrs. Bertha Ansley is  
21 heartily congratulated on the occasion of her 103rd birthday,  
22 a 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.