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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. DORRY ANN HAYES JOHNSTON
9 BLACKBURN.

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11 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
12 news of the death of Mrs. Dorry Ann Hayes Johnston Blackburn
13 of Auburn, Alabama, on March 26, 2011, at the age of 80 years;
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15 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Blackburn leaves a void
16 in the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
17 entire community, where she was well-known and highly
18 regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, born September 12, 1930, in Birmingham, she
20 was a 1948 graduate of Phillips High School, where she was
21 named Miss Philippian and received the DAR Good Citizenship
22 Girl Award; as a student at Auburn University, she was chosen
23 Sigma Chi Sweetheart and was named Miss Auburn; she pledged
24 Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and remained active throughout her
25 life; and

26 WHEREAS, with her first husband, she established J
27 and M Bookstore in 1953, an Auburn institution that is still

1 run by her sons; in addition, she was instrumental in founding
2 the Auburn Beautification Council, which implemented the
3 "Welcome to Auburn" signs and the "Tidy Tigers" Awards; and

4 WHEREAS, she was a faithful member of the Auburn
5 United Methodist Church; among her many roles of community
6 leadership, she was a member of the Green Gardeners, past
7 president of the Auburn Women's Club, and a board member of
8 the Auburn Cemetery Board; and

9 WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her father,
10 Louie Winston Hayes; and her husbands, Walter George Johnston,
11 Jr., and John Gilmer Blackburn; and

12 WHEREAS, she is survived by her beloved "Mama
13 Gretel," wife of Louie Hayes, and their children, Lou Hayes
14 and Nancy Hayes Smith; her three children, Walter George
15 "Trey" Johnston, III, Dixie Johnston Fraley (Gray) Keller, and
16 William Paul "Skip" (Glenda) Johnston; sister-in-law, Hazel
17 Johnston Lee; and her grandchildren, Lauren Johnston,
18 Elizabeth Johnston, (Paul) Johnson, Tracey Johnston, Hannah
19 Johnston, Lydia Johnston, and Paul Johnston; she also is
20 survived by the children and grandchildren of Gilmer
21 Blackburn: Gay (Mark) Maloney and their children, Phyllis
22 Maloney (Blake) Johnson, and Margaret Maloney; Lisa (Rob)
23 Ayerst and their children, Amanda (Frank) Jemison and Allison;
24 and Allison (Bobby) Akins and children, Anna and Lauren; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackburn was a valued member of the
26 community; although her presence will be missed, her legacy

will endure and her memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Dorry Ann Hayes Johnston Blackburn is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.