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3 By Representative Ford  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. RUTH HELEN GOAD OSBORN.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive  
11 news of the death of Mrs. Ruth Helen Goad Osborn on March 17,  
12 2011, at the age of 88 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Osborn leaves a void in  
14 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the  
15 entire community, where she was well-known and highly  
16 regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, born in Anniston, Alabama, she had lived in  
18 Gadsden most of her life; devoted to family and faith, she  
19 loved her church, Cherry Street Baptist, where she served in  
20 many capacities and was a longtime member of the Ruth Sunday  
21 School Class, choir and WMU; she was dedicated to serving  
22 others and could be counted on to help with all the details of  
23 church events, preferring to stay in the background rather  
24 than getting credit; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Osborn was a member of the Gadsden  
26 Charter Chapter of ABWA; she worked at the W.T. Grant store  
27 for 17 years and also worked in the family business, OSCO

1           Mechanical Contractors; in addition, she was also one of the  
2        owners of the original Fisherman Restaurant in Gadsden; and

3           WHEREAS, devoted to faith and family, Mrs. Osborn  
4        was known for the excellence of her housekeeping and the high  
5        standards she set; in addition, she was very generous and set  
6        a great example of giving, striving to treat everyone equally  
7        while expecting nothing in return; and

8           WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Lamar (Dottie)  
9        Osborn, and daughter, Babs; and

10           WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her beloved  
11        husband of more than 50 years, Thomas Nunley Osborn; father,  
12        Timothy Goad; mother, Jessie Mae Franklin Goad Rice; and  
13        stepfather, Oscar W. Rice; and

14           WHEREAS, Mrs. Osborn was a valued member of the  
15        community who made a difference in countless lives; although  
16        her presence will be missed, her legacy will endure and her  
17        memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who  
18        were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

19           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20        HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Ruth Helen  
21        Goad Osborn is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
22        is offered in highest tribute to her life of achievement and  
23        service, along with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.