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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY ELIZABETH TIERCE  
9 BROWNING.

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11 WHEREAS, we note with great sadness the death of  
12 Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tierce Browning of Gadsden, Alabama, who  
13 passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the age of 62  
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Gadsden, she  
16 graduated from Gadsden High School in 1966 and graduated from  
17 Jacksonville State University with a B.S. in secondary  
18 education and received her M.A. in secondary education from  
19 the University of Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, she was a retired educator with 30 years of  
21 service, teaching English at Emma Sansom High School for 27  
22 years, where she also served as homecoming coordinator, class  
23 sponsor, and National Honor Society Council member; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a dedicated member of Twelfth  
25 Street Baptist Church where she was part of the Chancel Choir  
26 and taught Sunday School; she also had a passion for writing

1 and wrote several scripts for church pageants and musical  
2 presentations; and

3 WHEREAS, she was an active member in Altrusa  
4 International, Inc., of Gadsden, where she held several  
5 offices, including president and chair of the club's annual  
6 antique show, and she had recently finished her term as first  
7 vice president of District Four Altrusa International; she was  
8 also a member of the Etowah Education Retirees Association  
9 where she held several offices over the past 10 years, and she  
10 was a Silver Sister of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor  
11 Society for Women Educators; and

12 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents,  
13 William Thomas Tierce and Georgia Rowland Tierce, and her  
14 in-laws, Ernest Farrell Browning and Bonnie Barnes Browning;  
15 and left to cherish her memory are her husband of 38 years,  
16 Michael Browning; her daughter, Jennifer Coffey (Michael); her  
17 brother, Larry Tierce (Barbara); her nieces and nephews, and  
18 many close friends; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
20 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we regretfully mourn the  
21 death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tierce Browning and, by copy of  
22 this resolution, extend our deepest sympathies to her family.