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3 By Representative Ford
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 04-MAY-11

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MILDRED BRYANT GLADDEN ACRAY.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with a deep sense of sadness and
11 regret that we note the death of Mildred "Mit" Bryant Gladden
12 Acray of Etowah County, Alabama, on April 28, 2011, at the age
13 of 90 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the youngest and last surviving member of a
15 family of 11 children, Mrs. Acray was a native of Calhoun
16 County and had lived in Etowah County since 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Acray was retired from the Etowah
18 County ASCS, USDA office with 28 years of service, and was a
19 member of White Springs Baptist Church, where she enjoyed
20 attending WMU meetings; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Acray enjoyed painting, drawing, and
22 reading, especially poetry; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Acray is preceded in death by her
24 father, Thomas Reid Bryant, and mother, Maggie Andrews Bryant;
25 four sisters, Ethel, Elzora, Anna, and Velma; six brothers,
26 Andrew, Thomas Reid, Jr., Renfroe, Clarence, Ralph, and Edwin;
27 husband, George Acray; first husband, Curtis C. Gladden, Sr.;

1 a son, Curtis Coleman Gladden, Jr.; and grandson, Chris
2 Gladden; and

3 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her
4 daughter, Anita Smith; two sons, Terry (Debra) Gladden and
5 Jeff (Vicki) Gladden; stepdaughter, Shelia (Rod) Ford;
6 stepson, Richard (Brenda) Acray; five grandchildren, Donna
7 Bragg, Scott Gladden, TJ (Kellie) Gladden, Jennifer (Jerad)
8 Umphrey, Patrick (Leianna) Gladden; seven step-grandchildren,
9 Gena (David) Coggins, Wayne Mason, David (Amber) Gladden, Kim
10 Partee, Emily (Tom) Batey, Jeremy (Shana) Acray, Matthew
11 (Katie) Acray; six great-grandchildren, Will Bragg, Anna
12 Bragg, Cole Gladden, Sam Gladden, Sadie Umphrey, Kendall
13 Meyer; 12 step-great-grandchildren, Ceylor Neugant, Jayden
14 Glasgow, Julia Batey, Will Batey, Alawyn Acray, Aperial Acray,
15 Chelsea Coggins, Casey Coggins, Courtney Coggins, Cody Mason,
16 Caleb Mason, and another on the way; 20 nieces and nephews;
17 numerous great-nieces and nephews; and three former
18 daughters-in-law, Libby Ellis, Charlotte Moon, and Del Gentry;
19 now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we are deeply saddened by the
22 death of Mildred "Mit" Bryant Gladden Acray of Etowah County,
23 Alabama, and by copy of this resolution, we extend heartfelt
24 sympathy to her family and friends, whose sorrow we sincerely
25 share.