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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 14-FEB-12

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. EDITH MAE JORDAN WILCOX.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mrs. Edith Mae Jordan Wilcox of
12 Washington County, on July 12, 2011, at the age of 95 years;
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14 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Wilcox leaves a void in
15 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
16 entire community; and

17 WHEREAS, a graduate of Murphy High School in 1932,
18 she went on to attend The University of Alabama, where she
19 received an A and S Degree in 1936 and an LLB Degree from the
20 School of Law in 1939 and was admitted to the State bar; after
21 her marriage she became an active community volunteer and part
22 of the family land, timber, and sawmill business in Jordan;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Jordan-Wilcox Stadium at Washington County
25 High School bears her family names as a tribute to her vision
26 and generosity; she donated the land for the building of the
27 Chatom Community Center that is also named for her; she

1 established an art gallery in Chatom to showcase her
2 collectibles and memorabilia from her world travels in over 60
3 countries and all 50 U.S. states; the Wilcox Gallery and
4 Foundation will continue to educate and entertain the
5 residents of Washington County for years to come; and

6 WHEREAS, her many civic activities included:

7 Washington County Conservation Club; Washington County
8 Cattlemen's Association; National Rifle Association; 50-year
9 member Red Cross; 50-year member Order of the Eastern Star,
10 State Officer 1956-57; 50-year member Extension Homemaker's
11 Council; Alabama State President 1969-1970; Extension Mutual
12 Service Committee of ACWW from 1983-89 (London, England);
13 appointed member of the St. Stephens Historical Commission;
14 founding member of the Washington County Public Library Board;
15 17-year member of the Friends of the Washington County Public
16 Library; 2010 recipient of the Alabama ALLA Humanitarian
17 Award; Founding member, United Way of Washington County;
18 Executive Board member and 1996 Washington County United Way
19 Humanitarian of the Year, deTocqueville Award; Washington
20 County Hall of Fame 2002; Murphy High School Hall of Fame;
21 Distinguished Service Award; Alabama Historical Commission;
22 and a member of the Washington County Hospital Board; she was
23 also a longtime member of Chatom First Baptist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her parents,
25 Ellis Lee and Martha Annie Loper Jordan; sisters, Carrie Maude
26 Jordan and Margie Lee Jordan Plemmons; husband of 54 years,
27 Roy Wilcox; and grandson, Ian Wilcox Turner; and

1 WHEREAS, survivors include her daughter, Susan
2 Wilcox (Larry) Turner; and granddaughter, Jordan Anne Garner;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Wilcox was a valued member of the
5 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
6 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
7 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Edith Mae
10 Jordan Wilcox is recorded with deep sorrow, and this
11 resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life, along
12 with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.