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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARIA VICTORIA ORDWAY.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mrs. Maria Victoria Ordway on February
12 15, 2012; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born in Nunchia, Boyaca, Columbia, she was
17 the daughter of Silvestre Arenas and Armira Diaz and grew up
18 in the Andean city of Sogamoso; she met the love of her life
19 and husband of 62 wonderful years, Fred Ordway, who was her
20 brother's roommate at Harvard, in Havana, Cuba; in April 1950,
21 the couple married at her family's magnificent Hacienda
22 Venecia; they settled in Northern New Jersey and Long Island,
23 New York, where Fred was involved in emerging rocket and space
24 programs; and

25 WHEREAS, from the mid-1950's to mid-1970's they
26 lived on Monte Sano in Huntsville and with much love,
27 enthusiasm, and dedication, she supported Fred's Army,

1 NASA-Marshall and UAH Research Institute careers; she
2 devotedly typed his book, article, and lecture manuscripts;
3 her husband's participation in the inception of the U.S. Space
4 and Rocket Center greatly delighted her; and

5 WHEREAS, with a beautiful smile always present on
6 her face, she had a warm, loving nature, easily made friends,
7 and was extremely close to her family; she enjoyed traveling
8 the world with Fred; an avid tennis player, she could hit a
9 powerful lob and loved to attend professional tennis
10 tournaments; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted
12 husband Fred; their three children and spouses, Fred IV and
13 Lisa Ordway, Albert and Nancy Ordway, and Marisol and Bob
14 Lambert; cherished grandchildren, one sister, Beatriz de
15 Londono; and many adoring nieces and nephews; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ordway was a valued member of the
17 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
18 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
19 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Maria
22 Victoria Ordway is recorded with deep sadness, and this
23 resolution is offered in highest tribute to her life, along
24 with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving family.