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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MISS WILLIE KATE CHARLEY.  
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10 WHEREAS, we mourn the death of Miss Willie Kate  
11 Charley on February 11, 2013, with deep sadness; we celebrate  
12 and commend her precious life with thanksgiving; and

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

16 WHEREAS, born on July 4 in Coy, Alabama, Miss  
17 Charley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Charley, Sr.,  
18 and at the age of five, was baptized at Little Zion No. 1  
19 Baptist Church, where she remained an active member all of her  
20 life and served in many capacities; she started school at Coy  
21 Public Junior High School and graduated as class salutatorian  
22 from Camden Academy in 1950; and

23 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree  
24 from Alabama State University in 1954 with a secondary major  
25 in English, along with a minor in French; she studied graduate  
26 French and English at Assumption College in Worcester,

1 Massachusetts, and graduate English at The University of Iowa;  
2 she did further graduate study in both English and French at  
3 Vanderbilt University, Livingston University (The University  
4 of West Alabama), The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and  
5 The University of Alabama; she received her Master of Arts  
6 Degree in English from Jacksonville State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Miss Charley participated in various  
8 professional seminars sometimes serving as presenter; she  
9 taught high school English and French in public school systems  
10 in Alabama for 35 years; she taught at Camden Academy, Pine  
11 Hill High in Wilcox County, Wilcox Central High, Jacksonville  
12 State University, and Concordia College; she served the Coy  
13 community through organizations including Coy Five Project,  
14 the Coy Volunteer Fire Department, and the Willie Frank Smiley  
15 Scholarship Committee, and she served Wilcox County by  
16 participating in the Wilcox County Concerned Voter's League  
17 and the Wilcox Retired Teacher's Association; her magnanimous  
18 efforts included volunteering to transport seniors to church,  
19 fundraising for The American Heart Association, the Cancer  
20 Relay for Life, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, volunteering  
21 to work with students who needed help at Camden School of Arts  
22 and Technology, and preparing food for poll workers in her  
23 precinct; and

24 WHEREAS, Miss Charley loved and nurtured children  
25 and youth and she traveled much throughout her life; her  
26 hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting,

1       gardening, creative writing, bird watching, traveling,  
2       collecting recipes, baking pies, and shopping; she possessed a  
3       positive outlook and lived a full life; and

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

8               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
10      Miss Willie Kate Charley, we are grateful for her abundant  
11      life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her  
12      legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family and  
13      friends.