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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. KATE WEBB RAGSDALE.  
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we note  
11 the death of Mrs. Kate Webb Ragsdale of Tuscaloosa, Alabama,  
12 on February 24, 2013, at 73 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Ragsdale 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 in Durham, North Carolina, on January  
17 28, 1940, she was the daughter of James and Margaret Webb and  
18 grew up in Hillsborough and Greensboro, North Carolina; she  
19 graduated from St. Mary's School in Raleigh, North Carolina,  
20 where she was valedictorian of her class, and she received her  
21 B.A. Degree in Religion from Sweet Briar College and her  
22 M.L.S. from the School of Library and Information Studies at  
23 The University of Alabama; her distinguished professional  
24 experience included working at The University of Alabama at  
25 the Human Resources Institute in the College of Commerce and  
26 Business Administration, as the University Libraries' Planning

1 Officer, and as an associate professor; she was continuously  
2 active in campus-wide committees; and

3 WHEREAS, she garnered recognition including the  
4 Library Leadership Award for faculty in 2004 and the  
5 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UA School of Library and  
6 Information Studies; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragsdale was involved with many civic  
8 organizations; she was known for her devotion and loyalty to  
9 her family and friends and for her sense of humor and  
10 enthusiastic approach to life; among her many interests were  
11 music, dance, sports, travel, and gardening; she was an avid  
12 fan of The University of Alabama football, basketball,  
13 gymnastics, baseball, and softball; she was also known for her  
14 great fondness for animals; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include her sons, Hugh Appleton  
16 Ragsdale, III "Terry" and his wife, Alexa; and James Webb  
17 Ragsdale; grandchildren, Hugh Appleton Ragsdale, IV, Samuel  
18 August Ragsdale, and Eliza LaGarde Ragsdale; her brother,  
19 William Norwood Webb; and a number of nieces and nephews; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ragsdale was a valued member of the  
21 community; although she will be greatly missed, her memory  
22 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were  
23 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
25 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Ragsdale is  
26 recorded in deep sadness, and this resolution is offered in

1 highest tribute to her inspiring legacy, as well as in  
2 heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.