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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ANTOINETTE GILMAN  
9 REYNOLDS.  
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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn  
12 the death of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Gilman Reynolds of  
13 Huntsville, Alabama, on March 19, 2013, at the age of 83  
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of  
16 her loving family and her many friends; and

17 WHEREAS, born on September 15, 1929, in Miami,  
18 Florida, she grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and moved to  
19 Huntsville from Birmingham in 1962; she was a graduate in  
20 History from the College of William and Mary; and

21 WHEREAS, she was a longtime volunteer and advocate  
22 for Huntsville, including serving on the Board of the  
23 International Services Council for 45 years and hosting  
24 numerous State Department visitors; the National Council of  
25 International Visitors honored her as Volunteer of the Year in

1       2012, and her family was selected Madison County Family of the  
2       Year in 1974; and

3               WHEREAS, among her roles of community leadership,  
4       she helped start Hospice Family Care in 1977, was a member of  
5       Rotary, the Republican Women's Club, Church Women United,  
6       Interfaith Mission Service, TARGOC, Silver Haired Legislature,  
7       Huntsville Leadership, Library Board, Dental Auxiliary,  
8       Daughters of the American Revolution, Senior Center Board,  
9       Meals on Wheels, and many others; and

10              WHEREAS, Mrs. Reynolds and her husband were founding  
11       members of Valley United Methodist Church; she participated in  
12       numerous multicultural service initiatives as part of building  
13       a more diverse community; in addition, she was the first woman  
14       president of the Greenwyche Neighborhood Association and  
15       helped organize Community Watch in the 1970s; and

16              WHEREAS, a believer in lifelong learning, she earned  
17       a Counseling Degree from Alabama A and M University in 1972,  
18       worked in the school system for a number of years, and was the  
19       first woman to be elected to the Huntsville City School Board;  
20       she was president of Ollie, on the Learning Quest Board, the  
21       State Vocational Board, and the State Community Education  
22       Board; she also took courses at Hudson Alpha Institute; and

23              WHEREAS, Mrs. Reynolds played bridge regularly,  
24       attaining the rank of Life Master; she was an avid reader and  
25       enjoyed researching genealogy, discussing current events,

1 traveling, golf, embroidery, knitting, and watching sports,  
2 especially baseball; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include her sister, Kay Wilkey;  
4 children, Drew (Lynne) Reynolds, Ann (Mike) Bush, John  
5 (Sharon) Reynolds, Richard (Bonnie) Reynolds, and Katherine  
6 (Tom) Russell; 15 grandchildren; and three  
7 great-grandchildren; she was predeceased by her beloved  
8 husband of 57 years, William Stanley Reynolds; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reynolds was a valued member of the  
10 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
11 legacy will endure and her memory will be cherished in the  
12 hearts of those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Antoinette  
15 Gilman Reynolds is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
16 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
17 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
18 many.