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3 By Representative Sanderford
4 RFD: Rules
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ANTOINETTE GILMAN
9 REYNOLDS.

10
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.