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3       By Representatives Rogers, Robinson (O), Scott, Payne and  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ETHEL DIXIE CHILDRESS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn  
11 the passing of Mrs. Ethel Dixie Childress; and

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

14 WHEREAS, born in August 1939 in Bessemer, Alabama,  
15 she died in April 2013, having lived a life of great  
16 accomplishment and devotion to family and faith; and

17 WHEREAS, a graduate of Brighton High School, she was  
18 a cheerleader and Valedictorian of the Class of 1957; she  
19 earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Registered Nursing from  
20 Grady Memorial Nursing School in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1960;  
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22 WHEREAS, her exemplary career in nursing began at  
23 the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham as a  
24 pediatric nurse; for more than 33 years, she was employed at  
25 Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital until her  
26 retirement in 1995, and she worked from 1995-2012 at The

1 Caring Corner -- Hugs and Kisses Child Care Center in Hoover,  
2 Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, she was an active member of St. Mary's  
4 Catholic Church in Fairfield, Alabama, serving in numerous  
5 capacities; her community involvement included the Ladies  
6 Auxiliary Knights of Peter Claver, and the Social and Savings  
7 Club Les Soeurs; she possessed an inner beauty graced with  
8 love, kindness, and encouragement which radiated in all her  
9 efforts; she was a giver who took great pleasure in people,  
10 was a surrogate mother to many, and was a stranger to no one;  
11 among her favorite pastimes were home decorating, cooking,  
12 gardening, skills for which she was much admired; and

13 WHEREAS, preceding her in death were her father,  
14 James Louis Dixie; paternal uncle and aunt, Elgie and Fannie  
15 Moss; great aunt, Chaney "Titta" Fountain; maternal  
16 grandparents, Charlie and Ethel Washington; paternal  
17 grandparents, Louie and Millie Dixie; and

18 WHEREAS, she leaves to celebrate her life her  
19 devoted husband of 51 years, Joe Louis Childress; daughters,  
20 Karen (Arthur) Gentry, Jo "Jodii" Childress, and JaMeela Dixie  
21 (Aaron) Williams; son, Major Joe L. Childress, Jr.;  
22 stepdaughters, Deniece (Frank) Richardson and Tari (Marion)  
23 Holt; grandchildren, Micah Childress, Michael McNeil, Kara  
24 Gentry, Maleeya Ridley, and Lyndon Williams;  
25 step-grandchildren, Bryan Hurd, Kandace Thornton, Nicholas  
26 Holt, Tytiana Holt, and Allie Miller; her mother, Wilma B.  
27 Dixie; brothers, James L. Dixie, Wilmer Dixie, and George

1 (Vondra) Dixie; sisters, Dora Faison, Mary (Andrew) White, and  
2 Fannitta (Larry) Clark; seven brothers-in-law; seven  
3 sisters-in-law; and other relatives and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Childress was a valued member of the  
5 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her  
6 legacy will endure and her memory will be cherished in the  
7 hearts of those who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
9 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Ethel Dixie  
10 Childress is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution  
11 is offered in highest tribute to her life along with heartfelt  
12 sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.