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8 HONORING GERALDINE GRIMES BOOTHE AS WINNER OF THE
9 2013 SPIRIT OF OPPORTUNITY AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, it is with highest commendation that
12 Geraldine Grimes Boothe is recognized as winner of the 2013
13 Spirit of Opportunity Award of the Opp and Covington County
14 Chamber of Commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to her many accomplishments,
16 Mrs. Boothe is a beloved member of the extended family of the
17 Alabama Legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, born and reared in the Rose Hill Community,
19 she is the daughter of W.G. Grimes and B. Jackson; she earned
20 a Degree in Education from Troy University and embarked upon
21 an exemplary career as a dedicated teacher in the Covington
22 County School System for more than 40 years, earning a number
23 of awards including Teacher of the Year in 1987, and impacting
24 the lives of countless students who were fortunate to come
25 under her expert and caring tutelage; and

1 WHEREAS, among her contributions to education, she
2 served on the State Curriculum Committee to rewrite the State
3 Course of Study; and

4 WHEREAS, after retiring from teaching, Mrs. Boothe
5 maintained her civic and professional involvement with
6 leadership in numerous clubs and organizations; she is a
7 member of Three Arts Club, Covington County Education Retirees
8 Association, Opp Cultural Arts Council, Alabama Education
9 Association, National Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma
10 International, Opp Chamber of Commerce, and former member of
11 the Downtown Redevelopment Authority; and

12 WHEREAS, in her spare time, she enjoys quilting and
13 participating in a china painting class, creating original
14 keepsakes; she is also greatly admired for her gardening
15 skills, and her beautiful flowers are well-known and
16 appreciated throughout the Opp area; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Boothe is a devout member of the First
18 Baptist Church in Opp, where she teaches a Sunday School Class
19 and helps with Vacation Bible School, and she also volunteers
20 her time to Mizell Memorial Hospital as a member of the
21 Auxiliary Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, the widow of J.C. Boothe, she has two sons,
23 Representative Alan C. (Anne) Boothe and Gene (Peb) Boothe;
24 five grandchildren, Jason Boothe, Kevin Boothe, April Boothe
25 Walden, Shana Boothe Johnson, and Mellisa Boothe Hyche; and
26 nine great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Boothe has earned
2 respect for her exceptional abilities and far-reaching
3 contributions to education and the community, and she is truly
4 deserving of the significant honor bestowed upon her; now
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Geraldine Grimes Boothe is
8 most highly commended, and it is directed that a copy of this
9 resolution of tribute be provided to her with heartiest
10 congratulations on winning the 2013 Spirit of Opportunity
11 Award and best wishes in future endeavors.