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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. SARA POTEAT BRYANT.
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn
11 the death of Mrs. Sara Poteat Bryant of Marion, North
12 Carolina, on January 12, 2014, at the age of 65 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, a native of Mitchell County, she was the
16 daughter of Maxwell Gardin Poteat and Vera Bennett Poteat; she
17 matriculated at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
18 and graduated from Bellarmine University, receiving a Bachelor
19 of Arts Degree in Music in a collaborative program with the
20 University of Louisville; her additional credentials included
21 Teacher Certification in Music Education from Appalachian
22 State University, Master of Science Degree in Elementary
23 Education with a Minor in Music Education, and other advanced
24 studies; and

25 WHEREAS, she was an Elementary Gifted Education
26 Teacher in a humanities-based program for Gifted Education in

1 Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for 23 years, integrating her beloved
2 music education into other aspects of critical learning; and

3 WHEREAS, regularly honored by children, parents, and
4 administrators as an outstanding teacher, she was also
5 selected to demonstrate "best practices" in teaching at
6 regional and national forums, and frequently taught model
7 lessons a Master Teacher in graduate courses at several major
8 universities; also honored by her peer teachers, she was a
9 member of Delta Kappa Gamma, international honorary teachers'
10 society, and was a 25-year member of Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Lambda
11 Theta, and Mu Phi Epsilon organizations for distinguished
12 educators; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2009, she retired and moved to her
14 ancestral home on her family's Central Farm in Glenwood, North
15 Carolina, where she continued her active and productive life;
16 among her roles of community involvement, she served as
17 Executive Director of the Historic Carson House, Registrar of
18 the Greenlee Chapter of the Daughters of the American
19 Revolution, and member of the United Daughters of the
20 Confederacy and several historical societies; over the years,
21 she was active in First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa,
22 Alabama, serving in many capacities, and in the First
23 Presbyterian church of Marion; and

24 WHEREAS, survivors include her husband of 45 years,
25 Dr. Jennings Franklin Bryant; children, Jennifer Alison
26 Bryant, Todd Jennings Bryant, and Adrienne Sara Bryant; and
27 many other caring relatives and dear friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant was a valued member of the
2 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
3 memory will be cherished in the hearts of those who were
4 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Sara Poteat
7 Bryant is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
8 offered in highest tribute to her life and with heartfelt
9 sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by many.