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11 Jones, Knight, Laird, Lee, Lindsey, Long, McAdory, McCampbell,
12 McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McMillan, Melton,
13 Merrill, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow,
14 Newton, Nordgren, Patterson, Payne, Polizos, Poole, Rich,
15 Roberts, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Sanderford,
16 Scott, Sessions, Shedd, Shiver, Standridge, Todd, Treadaway,
17 Tuggle, Vance, Wallace, Warren, Weaver, Wilcox, Williams (D),
18 Williams (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD:

20 First Read: 12-FEB-14

8 JOINING CEOLA DENT ELLINGTON IN HONORING THE LIFE OF
9 HER MOTHER, CATHERINE BALL DENT.
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11 WHEREAS, the legacy of Catherine Ball Dent is being
12 honored in a memory celebration led by her daughter, Ceola
13 Dent Ellington, and including all of her family and friends;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Catherine Ball Dent was born on September
16 7, 1926, and passed away on January 10, 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, the eldest daughter of Idie and Addie
18 Gilmore Ball, she grew up in Aliceville, Alabama, and accepted
19 Christ at an early age, devoting her life to His service; and

20 WHEREAS, she faithfully served at New Wright Baptist
21 Church of Aliceville for many years and relocated upon her
22 marriage to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she became a devout
23 member of Elizabeth Baptist Church, serving in many capacities
24 including the EBC Choir No. 2, Sunday School Class No. 8, EBC
25 Mission Circle No. 1, and the H.T. Carstarphen Circle; and

26 WHEREAS, she was educated in the Pickens County
27 School System and was employed as a private home domestic

1 worker for ten years, nurturing children and caring for them
2 as if they were family; in later years, she became employed by
3 the State of Alabama in Laundry Services at Bryce Hospital,
4 retiring after 18 years of loyal service, working diligently,
5 never missing a day, and truly earning the 20 years of
6 retirement she lived to enjoy; and

7 WHEREAS, she was a devoted wife and mother and a
8 loyal friend, greatly enjoying the company of her fellow
9 auxiliary members, and she will be remembered as a quiet,
10 gentle, loving, and compassionate woman who always had her
11 family's best interest at heart; and

12 WHEREAS, her favorite saying was, "God can do
13 anything but fail," and she exhibited true strength in the
14 most difficult of times; and

15 WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory many dear
16 friends along with devoted members of her family, including
17 six children, Ceola Dent Ellington (Leroy), Rosa Daivs (John),
18 Arthur Dent, Sam Dent, Jr., (Joyce), John Dent, and Elane
19 Bonner (Rev. Lorenzo Bonner); eight grandchildren, Tara Tatum,
20 Dr. Jennifer Giles, Retired Detective Sergeant James Evans,
21 III, (Representative Merika Coleman-Evans), Christen Bonner,
22 Bryan Dent, Stephanie Bonner, Terrance Hughes, and Danielle
23 Bonner; nine great-grands; two great-great grands; one
24 sister-in-law, Luverda Ball; a host of nieces, nephews, and
25 cousins, and two special cousins, Hettie McMullen and Daphne
26 Paige; and

1 WHEREAS, a Living Memory Service is being held at
2 Elizabeth Baptist Church, with its pastor, the Reverend Doctor
3 Vernon Smith presiding and Ceola Dent Ellington leading the
4 ceremonies and providing all the children of Catherine Ball
5 Dent an opportunity to join in celebration of her life and
6 express their cherished memories; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Catherine Ball
9 Dent is hereby honored and commemorated, and this resolution
10 is offered in highest tribute to her life of devotion and
11 service.