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3 By Representative Robinson (J)
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8 COMMENDING JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIAN ANN BARBEE
9 CHAMBLESS.

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11 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless, a native Jackson
12 Countian, was editor of her elementary school newspaper,
13 sparking a lifelong interest in writing and publishing; and

14 WHEREAS, she was salutatorian of the Jackson County
15 High School Class of 1954, and married her high school
16 sweetheart, Joseph DeLee Chambless, just three months after
17 graduation; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1971, the couple welcomed a son, Heath,
19 and in 2010, a grandson, Joe; and

20 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless attended the
21 University of Alabama in Huntsville and spent her professional
22 career as a wife, mother, homemaker, community leader,
23 genealogist, and historian, as well as holding positions at
24 the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center and in child
25 development and nutrition; and

26 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless' lasting legacy to the
27 people of her community, state, and nation arises from her

1 innumerable civic and historic preservation activities,
2 including church member, regent of the Tidence Lane Chapter of
3 the Daughters of the American Revolution, State Historian of
4 the Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American
5 Revolution, and member of the Huguenot Society of America; in
6 addition, she served as president of the Friends of the
7 Scottsboro Public Library and compiled 25 years of service on
8 that library's Board of Directors as member, secretary, and
9 twice as president, with her service culminating in the
10 christening of the library's genealogy department as "The Ann
11 B. Chambless Genealogy Room"; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1974, Ann Barbee Chambless organized,
13 founded, and has been the main driving engine of the Jackson
14 County Historical Association and, for almost 40 years,
15 researched, compiled, edited, wrote, published, stuffed,
16 stamped, and mailed "The Jackson County Chronicles," quarterly
17 newsletter of the JCHA, and volunteered hours upon hours to
18 preserve and restore the Scottsboro Freight Depot into a
19 museum; and

20 WHEREAS, no individual, institution, or group has
21 worked harder, shown greater stubborn determination, or done
22 more to discover, share, and preserve the history of Jackson
23 County than Ann Barbee Chambless; and

24 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless has used her God-given
25 talents, her wisdom, her good nature, her creativity, her
26 sense of humor in service to the people of Jackson County,
27 Alabama, past, present, and future, labors which have achieved

1 an unequalled body of work that will stand forever as the
2 scholarly, definitive, and authoritative corpus of local
3 history; and

4 WHEREAS, Ann Barbee Chambless has led the Jackson
5 County Historical Association into its 40th year of public
6 service and its greatest achievement to date comes when it
7 welcomes people from all across our state to the annual
8 conference of the Alabama Historical Association, meeting in
9 Scottsboro and Jackson County in April 2014; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the good works of Ann Barbee
12 Chambless are hereby gratefully acknowledged, and it is
13 directed that a copy of this resolution of tribute be provided
14 to her with best wishes in all future worthy endeavors.