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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 05-MAR-15

8 COMMENDING DOROTHY WHIGHAM FOR OUTSTANDING
9 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to Dorothy Whigham for
13 outstanding professional achievement and service to the
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whigham has the utmost distinction of
16 being the first nurse hired at Washington County Hospital when
17 it opened in 1953; prior to this, she was a private duty nurse
18 in the surrounding communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whigham cultivated a distinguished
20 tenure as Director of Nurses at Washington County Hospital;
21 she was one of two scrub nurses in surgery during this era;
22 she was on-call for night emergency surgery cases and
23 delivery; many times, she delivered babies before the doctor
24 arrived; she taught Candy Striper classes and Nurse's Aid
25 classes and volunteered for the Red Cross for numerous years;
26 she retired from the hospital in 1996; since she lived across

1 the street from the hospital, she was called in from time to
2 time to work; and

3 WHEREAS, at one point, Mrs. Whigham visited the
4 Nursing Home nearly every day, comforting patients and helping
5 whenever she could; she has received a number of awards for
6 her volunteer and community efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whigham graduated from Murphy High
8 School in 1942 and from the Mobile Infirmary School of Nursing
9 in 1945; she married James Robert Whigham in 1946 and moved to
10 Millry, Alabama; she was married to Harvey Reynolds for eight
11 years until his death in 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whigham currently alternately resides
13 with her children in Pensacola, Gulf Shores, and Millry; she
14 celebrated her 90th Birthday in August 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whigham's record of excellence, along
16 with her altruism, reflects immense honor upon the entire
17 State of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of special
18 recognition; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Dorothy Whigham is highly
21 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
22 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
23 best wishes for the future.