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3 By Representatives Shedd and Harbison  
4 RFD: Rules  
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8 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JULIET GIVEN ST.  
9 JOHN CALVIN.  
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11 WHEREAS, with utmost reverence and respect, we  
12 uplift the life and legacy of Juliet Given St. John Calvin,  
13 who passed away February 14, 2016, at 82 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, the passing of Juliet Given St. John Calvin  
15 leaves a tremendous void in the lives of her loving family,  
16 many friends, and the entire community, where she was highly  
17 regarded; and

18 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin was born to  
19 the union of William Morris Given and Susan Perry Given on  
20 August 3, 1933; she graduated from Ramsay High School at age  
21 16 and attended Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia; she  
22 completed her undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University,  
23 where she graduated magna cum laude in French and English  
24 literature; and

25 WHEREAS, while at Vanderbilt, Juliet Given St. John  
26 Calvin was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society and the Delta

1 Delta Delta Sorority; she served as President of the  
2 Birmingham Debutante Club of 1954 and was presented at the  
3 Redstone Club Annual Ball; in 1956, she married Finis Ewing  
4 St. John, III, living in Cullman until his untimely death in  
5 1984; and

6 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin was active in  
7 numerous civic, charitable, and church organizations and  
8 causes; she was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church,  
9 where she taught Sunday School and served on the vestry; she  
10 was one of Cullman's first Head Start volunteers, and she  
11 served Red Cross and the Cub Scouts; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1973, at the age of 40, she enrolled at  
13 Cumberland School of Law, where she finished seventh in her  
14 class of 200, served on the Cumberland Law Review, and was  
15 inducted into the honorary society Curia Honoris; she  
16 practiced law for over 20 years in the firm of St. John and  
17 St. John with her husband, her father-in-law, Finis Ewing St.  
18 John, Jr., her son, Fess, and her daughter-in-law, Gaynor;  
19 when she began practicing law, she had the distinction of  
20 being the only female attorney in Cullman County; she later  
21 became the first female president of a county bar association  
22 in Alabama; she was an inspiration to many female lawyers in  
23 Cullman who followed her path; and

24 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin served as a  
25 member of The University of Alabama Board of Trustees; in  
26 1987, she married Joseph Hiram Calvin, Jr.; they traveled

1 extensively around the world and spent parts of each year in  
2 Birmingham and Cashiers, North Carolina; in retirement, she  
3 served as the National Chair of the Indian Nurse Program of  
4 the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and as  
5 the State Chair of Patriotic Services in the organization; and

6 WHEREAS, she taught reading to underprivileged  
7 children for many years and was named Decatur Volunteer of the  
8 Year; she was a member of the Tremont Garden Club, the Book  
9 Markers, and the Cambridge Study Club, and was the first and  
10 only woman President of the Colony Club of High Hampton in  
11 Cashiers, North Carolina; she organized and helped administer  
12 numerous bridge clubs and was a faithful and devoted member of  
13 St. Luke's Episcopal Church; she was an accomplished  
14 watercolorist; and

15 WHEREAS, Juliet Given St. John Calvin is most  
16 remembered for the sheer joy she derived from life and her  
17 family and legions of dear friends; and

18 WHEREAS, survivors include her sons, Finis Ewing St.  
19 John, IV, (Gaynor) and William Given St. John (Elizabeth);  
20 grandsons, Finis Ewing St. John, V, (Virginia) and John  
21 Jefferson St. John (Maryann); her great-granddaughter, Mary  
22 Juliet St. John; stepson, Joseph Hiram Calvin, III; her  
23 beloved caretaker and friend, Margaret Dunsford; and numerous  
24 nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; she was  
25 preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; her brothers,

1 William Morris Given, Jr., and Samuel Perry Given; and her  
2 granddaughter, Emily Parker St. John; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Juliet Given St. John Calvin was a  
4 highly regarded member of society; although her presence is  
5 greatly missed, her memory is cherished in the hearts and  
6 minds of all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now  
7 therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
10 Juliet Given St. John Calvin, we are extremely grateful for  
11 her abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest  
12 tribute to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt  
13 sympathy to her family and friends.