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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
9 VIRGINIA REE BURGESS.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 death of Mrs. Virginia Ree Burgess of Gadsden, Alabama, on  
13 February 12, 2017, at 84 years of age, and we uplift her  
14 inspiring life and legacy with utmost reverence and respect;  
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16 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Virginia Ree Burgess  
17 leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends,  
18 and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burgess, a Crossville, Alabama,  
20 native, who lived her adult years in Gadsden, Alabama, touched  
21 lives with her kind and loving demeanor, and her adoration for  
22 her family was extraordinary; an avid reader, she derived  
23 immense joy from spending time at the library; and

24 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted  
25 husband of 62 years, Charles Burgess; one son, David Burgess  
26 (Michelle); two grandsons, Jeremy Murphree and Cody Burgess;  
27 one great-granddaughter, Ollie Murphree; two brothers, Jimmy

1                   West (Brenda) and Larry West (Janice); two sisters, Faye  
2                   Brewer and Linda Freeman; she was preceded in death by her  
3                   father, Raymond West; mother, Nellie West; three brothers,  
4                   Ronald West, Wayne West, and Roy West; one sister, Mavis  
5                   Carroll; and one granddaughter, Ashley Murphree; and

6                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Burgess was a valued member of the  
7                   community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
8                   is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
9                   fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

10                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11                  THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
12                  Mrs. Virginia Ree Burgess, we are extremely grateful for her  
13                  abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
14                  to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to  
15                  her family and friends.