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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF CORA IDA GRAY AMESBURY  
9 DONALDSON.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
12 death on February 11, 1017, of Mrs. Cora Ida "Gray" Amesbury  
13 Donaldson of Troy, Alabama, at the age of 95 years; and

14 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of  
15 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community,  
16 where she was highly regarded; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson was born in Beatrice,  
18 Alabama, on April 16, 1921, to William Henry Gray and Lucy  
19 Cora Daugette; and

20 WHEREAS, growing up in Rosinton, Alabama, she  
21 attended the Rosinton Methodist Church, where Reverend Sid  
22 Mathison was a significant spiritual influence in her life;  
23 later she enjoyed hearing his son, Dr. John Ed Mathison,  
24 preach at The Church in the Pines on Lake Martin; and

25 WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Robertsdale High School,  
26 Mrs. Donaldson was the first in her family to receive a high  
27 school diploma; and

1                   WHEREAS, after graduation, she moved to Mobile to  
2 begin her career at Gayfers Department Store, where she gained  
3 a loyal clientele and received numerous awards for her top  
4 sales and teamwork; and

5                   WHEREAS, in July 1949, she married Thomas Richard  
6 Amesbury, a union which produced two daughters, Patsy and  
7 Kathy; and

8                   WHEREAS, in April 1978, she married Gene Donaldson  
9 and together they enjoyed traveling, gardening, and spending  
10 time with grandchildren; and

11                  WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson was preceded in death by her  
12 parents, eight siblings, husband, and son-in-law, Kenneth H.  
13 Weed, Sr.; and

14                  WHEREAS, survivors include daughters, Patricia  
15 Amesbury Weed-Hollis (Jerry) and Kathryn Gray Amesbury  
16 Campbell (Kenny); grandchildren, Scarlet Weed Stokes (Brent),  
17 Kenneth Harper Weed, Jr., (Kim), Stephanie Gray Campbell Baker  
18 (Matt), Ellen Weed Estes (Ricky), Troy Thomas Weed (Ashley),  
19 Newton Kenneth Campbell, Jr., (Jamie), and Christopher James  
20 Campbell (Stephanie); and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

21                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Cora Ida  
23 "Gray" Amesbury Donaldson is recorded with deep sadness, and  
24 this resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
25 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
26 many.