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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
9 WANDA GRISSOM HAMM.

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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 death of Mrs. Wanda Grissom Hamm of Red Bay, Alabama, on March  
13 11, 2017, at 75 years of age, and we uplift her inspiring life  
14 and legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, a gifted woman, Mrs. Hamm was an artist,  
19 writer, and florist; she passionately cultivated her elegant  
20 yard filled with magnificent flowers and trees; Mrs. Hamm  
21 loved her family fiercely and never missed any of her  
22 children's school functions or events; she was the selfless  
23 type who would gladly do without so her children,  
24 grandchildren, nieces and nephews could have everything their  
25 hearts desired; she was affectionately known as Nana not only  
26 to her grandchildren, but also to their friends; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamm was born in Itawamba County,  
2 Mississippi, to the union of Heyburn and Jewell Williams  
3 Grissom; during high school, she was a majorette, and upon  
4 graduating, she attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College;  
5 she entered employment with the Mississippi State University  
6 Electrical Engineering Department, before furthering her  
7 education at Massey Draughn Business College, where she  
8 studied Business Math; later in life, she owned a lucrative  
9 florist shop in her hometown; she was a faithful member of Red  
10 Bay Free Will Baptist Church; and

11                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamm painstakingly researched her  
12 family history and left her loved ones with hundreds of  
13 invaluable genealogy documents; she tackled life head first  
14 and always found a solution to any problem; she freely spoke  
15 her mind and encouraged all women to do the same; and

16                   WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted  
17 husband, Tilmon Hamm; two children, Lisa M. Jackson (Mike) and  
18 Bill Morrow (Jamie); two stepchildren, Cindy Prestage and  
19 Marsha Bloom; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren;  
20 one sister, Nedra Daws; and a host of nieces and nephews; she  
21 was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Doris  
22 Jean Grissom and Sue Harris; and

23                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamm was a valued member of the  
24 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
25 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
26 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of  
3 Mrs. Wanda Grissom Hamm, we are extremely grateful for her  
4 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute  
5 to her legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family  
6 and friends.