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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
9 CAROLYN BOWEN.  
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11 WHEREAS, we are deeply saddened to learn of the  
12 death of Mrs. Carolyn Bowen of Gadsden, Alabama, on October 6,  
13 2016, at 73 years of age, and we uplift her inspiring life and  
14 legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, an accomplished graduate of Holy Name of  
19 Jesus Nursing School, she was a dedicated nurse; she later  
20 taught at Gadsden State for more than 38 years; she was a hard  
21 worker, unafraid to dirty her hands, and especially loved her  
22 flower garden; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowen was a faithful member of  
24 Fairview Baptist Church; she was a devoted wife, mother, and  
25 grandmother who tenderly cared for her beloved husband for  
26 more than 20 years after he suffered a stroke; she was

1 extremely fond of her faithful and dear canine companion,  
2 L.B.; and

3 WHEREAS, survivors include her daughters, Ponda  
4 (Joel) Devasure and Pam Kilgo; grandson, Morgan Nichols and  
5 granddaughter, Jessica (Matthew) Stokes; brothers, Bill (Nina)  
6 Morgan, Tommy (Vicky) Morgan, and John Morgan; and numerous  
7 nieces and nephews; she was preceded in death by her husband,  
8 Bill Bowen; brothers, Harold and Charlie Morgan; and parents,  
9 Anderson and Bertie Morgan; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowen was a valued member of the  
11 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory  
12 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were  
13 fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of  
16 Mrs. Carolyn Bowen, we are extremely grateful for her abundant  
17 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her  
18 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her friends.