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9 RFD:  
10 First Read: 10-MAR-20

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY GRESHAM GOOSTREE.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 23, 2020, of Mrs. Mary Gresham Goostree, at  
12 the age of 90 years; her passing has left a void in the lives  
13 of her loving family and friends and the entire community,  
14 where she was highly regarded; and

15 WHEREAS, she was born on July 1, 1929, in Seymour,  
16 Indiana, to Maud Marie Gudgel Gresham and Noble Ragon Gresham;  
17 she grew up in Clarksville, Tennessee, and graduated from  
18 Clarksville High School; she attended Ward-Belmont College in  
19 Nashville, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee in  
20 Knoxville; she was a 1951 graduate of Austin Peay State  
21 College in Clarksville, Tennessee; she married her high school  
22 sweetheart, Jimmy Goostree, on December 20, 1952; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1957, they moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama;  
24 she was a devoted wife who supported her husband's career with  
25 The University of Alabama Athletic Department, a dedicated  
26 mother and homemaker who worked endless hours creating a  
27 loving home for her family; she was a faithful member of First

1                   Baptist Church Tuscaloosa for 62 years where she served as a  
2                   children's Sunday School teacher for over 30 years; she was  
3                   also involved in numerous other church activities; and

4                   WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her beloved  
5                   husband of 47 years; her parents; brothers, Noble Linn Gresham  
6                   and John Thompson Gresham; her survivors include her children,  
7                   Susan Goostree Allen (George), Jimmy Tom Goostree, Rebecca  
8                   Goostree, Louisa Goostree Marchant (Chuck); grandchildren,  
9                   Anna Laura Allen, Patrick Allen (Sarah), Mary Kate Allen,  
10                   Clayton Marchant, Luke Marchant (Michaela); brother, David  
11                   Ragon Gresham; and numerous other relatives and many friends;  
12                   although her presence will be greatly missed, the memory of  
13                   her will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved  
14                   her; now therefore,

15                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Mary Gresham  
17                   Goostree is recorded with deep sadness and this resolution is  
18                   offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to  
19                   her family whose grief is shared by many.