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3       By Senators Allen, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley, Burkette,  
4       Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5       Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Holley, Jones, Livingston, Marsh,  
6       McClendon, Melson, Orr, Price, Reed, Roberts, Sanders-Fortier,  
7       Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smitherman, Stutts,  
8       Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
9       RFD:  
10      First Read: 10-MAR-20

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY GRESHAM GOOSTREE.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 23, 2020, of Mrs. Mary Gresham Goostree, at the age of 90 years; her passing has left a void in the lives of her loving family and friends and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1957, they moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama; she was a devoted wife who supported her husband's career with The University of Alabama Athletic Department, a dedicated mother and homemaker who worked endless hours creating a 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.