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3       By Representatives Bedsole and Ellis  
4       RFD:  
5       First Read: 25-FEB-21

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MS. REBECCA LUKER.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Ms. Rebecca Luker, of New York, New York, on December 23, 2020, at the age of 59 years; her passing leaves a void in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Luker was born on April 17, 1961, in Birmingham, Alabama; she grew up in Helena, Alabama; she was a member of the Thompson High School Marching Band; she also sang in the choir at First Baptist Church in Alabaster; and

WHEREAS, while in high school, she entered Alabama's Junior Miss pageant and sang "Much More" from "The Fantasticks"; she was selected as first runner-up and awarded a college scholarship; she was a vocal performance major at the University of Montevallo and received her diploma in 1984; in May 2010, she served as the commencement speaker and was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Montevallo; throughout her life, she remained actively involved with the university; and

1               WHEREAS, during her lengthy and distinguished career  
2 as a Broadway actress, she performed in many Broadway  
3 musicals, some of which include "The Phantom of the Opera,"  
4 "The Secret Garden," and "Show Boat"; she earned multiple Tony  
5 Award nominations for her performances in "The Music Man,"  
6 "Show Boat," and "Mary Poppins"; and

7               WHEREAS, the University of Montevallo is recognizing  
8 the memory of Ms. Luker by naming the stage in the Discover  
9 Shelby Theatre, inside the Center for the Arts, in her honor;  
10 the Rebecca Luker Scholarship for University of Montevallo  
11 theater students has also been established; and

12              WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
13 missed, the memories of her will be cherished in the hearts of  
14 all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

15              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Ms. Rebecca  
17 Luker is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
18 offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy to  
19 her family.