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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Orr, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,  
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,  
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts,  
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnutt, Singleton,  
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Weaver, Whatley and Williams

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 24-FEB-22

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH BERRY BIDDLE.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note  
11 the death on February 15, 2022, of Mrs. Elizabeth (Nena) Berry  
12 Biddle of Gardendale, Alabama, at the age of 91 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Biddle graduated from Phillips High  
17 School in 1947, and Birmingham Southern College, where she was  
18 a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, in 1951; she taught fifth  
19 grade at North Birmingham Elementary School before moving to  
20 Arthur School; she was a beloved teacher for 30 years, and to  
21 this day her former students still reach out with stories and  
22 moments remembered from years ago with their favorite teacher,  
23 Mrs. Biddle; and

24 WHEREAS, her passion in life was improving mental  
25 health services in Alabama; alongside her husband, Senator  
26 Jack Biddle, Mrs. Biddle saw many measures passed to help  
27 those in need and brought tremendous attention to the matter

1 of mental health; she served on the Board of Directors of the  
2 Jefferson Blount St. Clair (JBS) Mental Health Authority for  
3 28 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Biddle was appointed by Governor Don  
5 Siegleman and later by Governor Bob Riley, to serve on the  
6 Board of Trustees for the State of Alabama Department of  
7 Mental Health; the Alabama Department of Mental Health honored  
8 her tireless work by naming the 1920 Club building located on  
9 Birmingham's Southside The Jack and Nena Biddle Building; and

10 WHEREAS, she was a faithful and dedicated member of  
11 Gardendale Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, now Hope  
12 Community Church; and

13 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband, Jack  
14 Biddle; children, John Biddle (Janet) and Carolyn Jan Biddle;  
15 grandchildren, John Berry Biddle, Jr. (Kristy) and Brook  
16 Biddle; great-grandchildren, Jack, Will, Sam and Annaleigh  
17 Biddle; sister, Carolyn Bragg; and a host of other relatives  
18 and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
20 missed, the memory of Mrs. Biddle will be cherished in the  
21 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Elizabeth  
24 Berry Biddle is recorded with deep sadness and this resolution  
25 is offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy  
26 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.