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

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 29-MAR-22

8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MAUDIE DARBY BEDFORD.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on March 20, 2022, of Mrs. Maudie Darby Bedford of  
12 Russellville, Alabama, at the age or 65 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. Bedford was born on January 8, 1957; a  
17 native of Florence, Alabama, she graduated in the Class of  
18 1975 from Bradshaw High School where she enjoyed being a Bruin  
19 Cheerleader; she attended The University of Alabama where she  
20 was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority; she and her  
21 husband, former State Senator Roger H. Bedford, Jr. made their  
22 home in Russellville, Alabama; they were faithful and  
23 dedicated members of First Baptist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a strong supporter of her husband  
25 Roger through his health issues and political career; she  
26 worked tirelessly in support of his campaigns both state wide  
27 in 1996 as the Democratic Nominee for the United States Senate

1 and through his many years of service to the people of Alabama  
2 in the Alabama State Senate; her staunch support for his work  
3 for the people of Alabama was inspiring; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Bedford was general manager of WVNA  
5 AM/FM radio station for many years and was a strong supporter  
6 of small business development across our state; she was past  
7 president of the Alabama Broadcasters Association and served  
8 as President and CEO of the Southern Development Council until  
9 her death; under her direction, the SDC grew to become the  
10 only Alabama-based Small Business Administration Accredited  
11 Certified Development Company; she served on various boards  
12 and foundations, including Children's Hospital of Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, her greatest joy in this life was her son,  
14 Roge, and she was fiercely proud of the man he has become; she  
15 was a passionate supporter of all Crimson Tide sports, even  
16 more so when her son started working under Alabama Head Coach  
17 Nick Saban; she was a second Mom to many of Roge's fraternity  
18 brothers, friends, and colleagues; and

19 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father,  
20 Elton H. Darby; and sister, Vickie Darby Crenshaw; and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband,  
22 Roger H. Bedford, Jr.; son, Roger H. Bedford, III; mother,  
23 Mrs. Mary Jane Darby; sisters, Jane Dill (Johnny) and Lulu  
24 Todd (Richard); brothers, E. Hall Darby (Stacy) and E. Herbert  
25 Darby, Jr. (Linda); uncle, James A. "Jim" Hall; and a host of  
26 other relatives and friends; and

1                   WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
2 missed, the memory of Mrs. Bedford will be cherished in the  
3 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

4                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Maudie Darby  
6 Bedford is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is  
7 offered in tribute to her life, and with heartfelt sympathy to  
8 her family, whose grief is shared by many.