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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

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MAUDIE DARBY BEDFORD.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on March 20, 2022, of Mrs. Maudie Darby Bedford of Russellville, Alabama, at the age of 65 years; and

WHEREAS, 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, Mrs. Bedford was born on January 8, 1957; a native of Florence, Alabama, she graduated in the Class of 1975 from Bradshaw High School where she enjoyed being a Bruin Cheerleader; she attended The University of Alabama where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority; she and her husband, former State Senator Roger H. Bedford, Jr. made their home in Russellville, Alabama; they were faithful and dedicated members of First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong supporter of her husband Roger through his health issues and political career; she worked tirelessly in support of his campaigns both state wide 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.