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3 By Representatives Clarke and Faust
4 RFD:
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MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARIE MCCONNELL-PERKINS.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death of Mrs. Marie "Ree Ree" McConnell-Perkins of Fairhope, Alabama; 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. McConnell-Perkins was born in 1938 to Emmanuel Andrews and Thelma Lyons Andrews; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mobile, Alabama, who was very proud of her Greek heritage, Mrs. McConnell-Perkins was known as the "Golden Girl of Real Estate" in the 1970s, having broken the "glass ceiling" for women in real estate; she was named Realtor of the Year in 1983 and First Lady of Mobile in 1990, and her company was named Small Business of the Year by the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce in 1991; her other achievements throughout her life included being a past President of the Penelope House, serving on the Board of Directors for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and as the

1 state and local President of the Women's Council of Realtors,
2 being selected to represent the ERA Real Estate Franchise as
3 the Ambassador to Indonesia and Singapore in 1995, and being
4 involved with many civic activities; after retiring from real
5 estate, she moved to Fairhope, where she worked as a volunteer
6 at Thomas Hospital for 15 years, served as the President of
7 the Ladies Cotillion, and was a very active member of the Nix
8 Center; she was a graduate of Covenant of Mercy Catholic Girls
9 School, where she impressed the Mercy Nuns, especially Sister
10 Mary Terisita and Sister Mary Robert, with her goal-setting
11 and work ethic; and

12 WHEREAS, a devoted Christian, loving parent, great
13 cook and hostess, dynamic public speaker, and treasured
14 friend, Mrs. McConnell-Perkins always said that her purpose in
15 life was to make other people feel good about themselves, and
16 she lived her purpose; she was also passionately active in her
17 church and loved spending time with her family and friends,
18 decorating, and traveling; and

19 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her daughter,
20 Dana; granddaughter, Savannah; and grandson, David; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. McConnell-Perkins is survived by her
22 loving husband of almost 30 years, Captain Michael Reid
23 Perkins, USCG Retired; daughters, Angie McConnell Young
24 (Robby) and Robin Marie Wade (Mike); stepdaughters, Mindy
25 Houston (Greg) and Melissa Peterson; granddaughters, Carly
26 Marie Nelson (Kenny), Madison Houston, and Jennifer Houston;
27 grandsons, Jack Andrew Phillips (Danielle) and Grant McConnell

1 Young (Courtney); and great-grandchildren, Kenly Marie Nelson,
2 Marie Claire Phillips, and Mason McConnell Young; and

3 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
4 missed, the memory of Mrs. McConnell-Perkins will be cherished
5 in the hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
7 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Marie "Ree
8 Ree" McConnell-Perkins is recorded with deep sadness, and this
9 resolution is offered in tribute to her life, along with
10 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
11 many.