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3 By Representative Stadthagen
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4 HR_____ MOURNING THE DEATH OF BETTY CAROLYN KEYES
5 KELSO-CLOUGH.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the
8 death on January 11, 2024, of Mrs. Betty Carolyn Keyes
9 Kelso-Clough; of Somerville, Alabama, at the age of 86
10 years; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelso-Clough was born on March 26,
15 1937, to Charles Judson and Alice Ryan Keyes in Limestone
16 County, Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, after graduation from Ahrens Trade School in
18 Louisville, Kentucky, she joined the United States Air Force
19 and worked in Finance and Accounting; she was an enrolled
20 agent and prepared taxes for 50 years, while managing an H&R
21 Block in Arlington, Texas; she worked at Rhodes and
22 Associates Tax Service in Decatur, Alabama, and was the
23 owner and founder of Florette Income Tax in Florette,
24 Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelso-Clough met her husband, Jim
26 Kelso, at Travis Air Force Base, California; they were later
27 stationed on Okinawa, Japan, where their daughter was born;
28 after Jim's retirement, they moved to Texas; and



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29 WHEREAS, in 1977, Betty and Jim returned to Alabama
30 and began the Happy Valley Ranch in Somerville, Alabama,
31 where they raised double polled Santa Gertrudis cattle;
32 Betty received the President's Award from Santa Gertrudis
33 Breeders International in 2012 and 2013 and was the first
34 female recipient of the Morgan County Cattleman of the Year
35 Award; she also served on the Board of Directors for Morgan
36 County Alabama Farmers Federation; and

37 WHEREAS, later in life, she and her husband Bill
38 Clough enjoyed traveling to Europe, Costa Rica, New Zealand,
39 and the Holy Land as well as many trips in the United States
40 to include attending Bill's Marine Corp Reunions; she and
41 Bill participated in the Navajo Mission Life Center, Ojo
42 Encino, New Mexico; and

43 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelso-Clough taught Sunday School for
44 most of her adult life and was a member of Blue Springs
45 Baptist Church in Somerville, Alabama, where she also sang
46 in the choir; and

47 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;
48 her brothers, Charles Keyes and David Keyes; and her
49 husbands, James William Kelso and William Wallace Clough,
50 Jr.; she is survived by her daughter, Linda Diane Kelso and
51 her son-in-law, John Kemp; and

52 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
53 missed, the memory of Mrs. Kelso-Clough will be cherished in
54 the hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
56 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Betty Carolyn



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57 Keyes Kelso-Clough is recorded with deep sadness, and this
58 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with
59 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
60 many.