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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF  
5 DOROTHY LEE HATCHER.

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7 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we mourn  
8 the death, yet celebrate the life, of Dorothy Lee "Dot"  
9 Hatcher of Montgomery, Alabama, whose passing on December  
10 23, 2025, at 83 years of age, has left a void in the lives  
11 of her family and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, a devoted mother, friend, seamstress, and  
13 community leader, Ms. Hatcher was known for her unfailing  
14 work ethic, loving spirit, and consistent active desire to  
15 serve others; she was the beloved mother of our good friend  
16 and colleague, Senator Kirk Hatcher; and

17 WHEREAS, Dot Hatcher was born on November 4, 1942, in  
18 Montgomery, Alabama, to Rochelle Nichols, Sr. and Lilly  
19 Hatcher; upon the early death of her mother, she received a  
20 lifetime of devoted care from her aunt, Nellie Hatcher Lee,  
21 and her husband, John Arthur Lee, both of whom she was  
22 blessed to call her beloved parents; and

23 WHEREAS, she matriculated through the Montgomery  
24 Public School system before pursuing studies in tailoring  
25 and commercial sewing; this training led to a career  
26 spanning more than six decades as a master tailor and  
27 seamstress; and

28 WHEREAS, one of her greatest achievements was

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29 fulfilling her dream of owning and operating her own tailor  
30 and dress shop; Custom Creations was her pride and joy, and  
31 all who visited her shop found not only expert apparel  
32 fitting, but also love and kindness; her remarkable talent  
33 and dedication earned her wide recognition as one of the  
34 city's most gifted seamstresses; and

35 WHEREAS, at the tender age of eight, she united with  
36 Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and was baptized under the  
37 pastorate of the late Reverend George W. Temple; blessed  
38 with a beautiful alto voice, she was often heard singing  
39 lead vocals in both the PRBC Senior Choir and the Gospel  
40 Chorus; of the many songs she led in Senior Choir, "You  
41 Brought Me from a Mighty Long Way" was the most requested;  
42 and

43 WHEREAS, she leaves to faithfully cherish her  
44 memories her lovingly devoted son, Lycurgus "Kirk" Hatcher;  
45 daughter, Katrina Cleveland (Adam); sisters, Yolanda E. Lee,  
46 Diane Jones, Annie P. Massenberg, and Johnnie Ruth Williams;  
47 brother, Larry Nichols (Doris); sisters-in-law, Shirley J.  
48 Nichols and Cynthia Nichols; grandchildren, Aedan Cleveland,  
49 Ardan Cleveland, and Adalynn Cleveland; special  
50 great-nephew, Keyon Nichols; and a host of loving nieces,  
51 nephews, extended family members, and longtime neighbors and  
52 treasured friends; and

53 WHEREAS, a valued member of the community and loved  
54 by many, her service to others and her passion for life will  
55 be remembered fondly; we join with others to celebrate her  
56 life and to mourn her death; although her presence will be

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57 deeply missed, her memory will be forever cherished in the  
58 hearts and minds of those who were fortunate to have known  
59 her; and

60 WHEREAS, her family can take comfort in knowing that  
61 she is now with the God she talked and sang about, loved,  
62 and faithfully served; now therefore,

63 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
64 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Ms. Dorothy Lee  
65 "Dot" Hatcher is recorded with deep sadness, and even as we  
66 mourn her passing and the loss it represents, we also  
67 celebrate her life; this resolution is offered in highest  
68 tribute, along with heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose  
69 grief is shared by many.