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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MARIGAIL MCCRARY MATHIS.  
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10 WHEREAS, we note with deep regret the tragic and  
11 untimely passing of Mrs. Marigail McCrary Mathis of Florence  
12 at the age of 62 years; and

13 WHEREAS, a native of Florence, Mrs. Mathis displayed  
14 an aptitude for fashion design at a very young age, under the  
15 tutelage of her grandmother; and

16 WHEREAS, by her 30s, Mrs. Mathis was a leading  
17 designer for and vice president of Lexington Fabrics, which  
18 her family owned and operated; she was principally responsible  
19 for redirecting Lexington's focus onto the production of  
20 fabric for the fashion industry; and

21 WHEREAS, during the decade of the 1980s, Mrs. Mathis  
22 launched own clothing line, Marigail!, and began producing the  
23 brightly colored fashions that are now considered emblematic  
24 of the time; she soon opened a small chain of boutiques in  
25 Alabama and Tennessee, a rare and daring move for an  
26 independent designer; and

1                   WHEREAS, Mrs. Mathis' passing is a great loss to her  
2 family, friends, and the community; she will always be  
3 remembered for her extraordinary combination of fashion sense  
4 and business sense; now therefore,

5                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
6 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the life of Mrs. Marigail  
7 McCrary Mathis is hereby celebrated in this special tribute  
8 and that, by copy of this resolution, our heartfelt  
9 condolences are extended to her family.