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5 French, Glover, Holley, Keahey, Little (T), Little (Z), Marsh,  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. REBECCA BREWER COOPER.  
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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and regret that  
11 news is received of the untimely death of Mrs. Rebecca "Becky"  
12 Brewer Cooper of Birmingham, Alabama, on December 31, 2009, at  
13 the age of 58; and

14 WHEREAS, born in Tuscaloosa on October 17, 1951, she  
15 was the daughter of former Governor Albert P. Brewer and the  
16 late Martha F. Brewer; and

17 WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of Decatur  
18 and Montgomery, she attended Auburn University and after  
19 earning a nursing degree from Jefferson State Community  
20 College, she dedicated her life to serving those in need;  
21 through the years, she practiced nursing in a number of  
22 institutions and ended her career in the Heart Catheterization  
23 Laboratory at the Kirklin Clinic; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper and her husband spent the last  
25 several years in the Smoky Mountains, where she continued her  
26 charitable service by volunteering at the local hospital and

1 serving on the Foundation for the Angel Medical Center Board  
2 of Directors in Franklin, North Carolina; in her spare time,  
3 she enjoyed walks in the woods, tending her flower garden, and  
4 making new friends; Mrs. Cooper was well-known as an  
5 accomplished hostess and cook and especially enjoyed cooking  
6 for family and friends during the holidays; and

7 WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her death her loving  
8 and beloved husband of 38 years, James "Jim" Cooper, Jr.; son,  
9 James Preston (Laura) Cooper; granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann  
10 Cooper; her father, Governor Brewer; sister, Alison (Mark)  
11 Cooper; and nieces, Mary Martha (Andrew) Knowlton and Katie  
12 Calhoun; along with numerous caring friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper was admired for her ability to  
14 listen from the heart, and she was a continual source of  
15 encouragement for family and friends, whose potential she  
16 recognized and nourished; a woman of abiding faith, she was an  
17 inspiration to everyone she encountered, and her presence will  
18 be greatly missed by all those who were privileged to know her  
19 during the brief span of her life; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Mrs.  
22 Rebecca Brewer Cooper is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
23 resolution is offered in tribute to her life of achievement  
24 and service, along with heartfelt sympathy to her grieving  
25 family and all those she leaves bereft.