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3 By Senators Scofield, Orr, Sanford, Holtzclaw, McGill,
4 Waggoner, Marsh, Reed, Brewbaker, Taylor, Glover, Dial, Ward,
5 Allen, Bussman, Williams, Brooks, Blackwell, Holley, Whatley,
6 Pittman and Beason
7 RFD:
8 First Read: 16-FEB-12

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4 ENROLLED, SJR27,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MELBA RAINES PETERS.

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7 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
8 receive news of the death of Mrs. Melba Raines Peters of
9 Huntsville, Alabama, on December 19, 2011, at the age of 79
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Peters leaves a void in
12 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
13 entire community, where she was highly regarded as a civic
14 leader and dedicated volunteer, most notably in Republican
15 Party activities; and

16 WHEREAS, born in Geneva County, she was the daughter
17 of Ed Raines and Eula Smith Raines and graduated from
18 Wicksburg High School in Houston County; she had resided in
19 Huntsville for more than five decades; and

20 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, she was a
21 member of Chase Park Church of Christ for some 40 years and
22 was also considered a member of the Navarre, Florida, Church
23 of Christ because of the many times she attended there while
24 on family trips to the beach; and

1 WHEREAS, she was a member of the Alabama Republican
2 Executive Committee and the Madison County Republican
3 Executive Committee for more than 36 years; among the
4 highlights of her political life, she was a delegate to the
5 Republican National Convention in 1984 and served as a
6 Presidential Elector from the 5th Congressional District in
7 both 1996 and 2000; she also attended several other Republican
8 National Conventions beginning in 1968 and was very active in
9 the Republican Women of Huntsville as well as an associate
10 member of two other Republican Women's Clubs in Madison
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, her extensive volunteer contributions
13 through the years were equivalent to the work of full-time
14 employees, including handling constituent services in the
15 Huntsville area for the sitting United States Senator and
16 coordinating activities for the Madison County Republican
17 Men's Club; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was
19 predeceased by her sister, Verna Hagler; brother, C.T. Raines;
20 brother, J.P. Raines; and brother-in-law, Wesley Hagler; and

21 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband of
22 more than 55 years, J. Elbert Peters; son, James E. (Jim)
23 Peters, Jr.; daughter, Carol (Brian) Wisdom; grandson, David
24 Wisdom; granddaughter, Caroline Wisdom; sisters-in-law,
25 Elizabeth Raines and Lillian Raines; brother-in-law, Bill

1 (Gloria) Peters; four nieces; six nephews; and many additional
2 relatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Peters was a valued member of the
4 community; although her presence will be greatly missed, her
5 memory will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who
6 were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Melba Raines
9 Peters is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
10 offered in highest tribute to her life, along with heartfelt
11 sympathy to her grieving family.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 21-FEB-12

By: Senator Scofield