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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  
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MELBA RAINES PETERS.

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, devoted to family and faith, she was a  
24 member of Chase Park Church of Christ for some 40 years and  
25 was also considered a member of the Navarre, Florida, Church  
26 of Christ because of the many times she attended there while  
27 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  
26 (Gloria) Peters; four nieces; six nephews; and many additional  
27 relatives; and

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

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