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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MISS WILLIE KATE CHARLEY.

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10 WHEREAS, we mourn the death of Miss Willie Kate
11 Charley on February 11, 2013, with deep sadness; we celebrate
12 and commend her precious life with thanksgiving; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Miss Charley leaves a void
14 in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the
15 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, born on July 4 in Coy, Alabama, Miss
17 Charley was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Charley, Sr.,
18 and at the age of five, was baptized at Little Zion No. 1
19 Baptist Church, where she remained an active member all of her
20 life and served in many capacities; she started school at Coy
21 Public Junior High School and graduated as class salutatorian
22 from Camden Academy in 1950; and

23 WHEREAS, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree
24 from Alabama State University in 1954 with a secondary major
25 in English, along with a minor in French; she studied graduate
26 French and English at Assumption College in Worcester,
27 Massachusetts, and graduate English at The University of Iowa;

1 she did further graduate study in both English and French at
2 Vanderbilt University, Livingston University (The University
3 of West Alabama), The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and
4 The University of Alabama; she received her Master of Arts
5 Degree in English from Jacksonville State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Miss Charley participated in various
7 professional seminars sometimes serving as presenter; she
8 taught high school English and French in public school systems
9 in Alabama for 35 years; she taught at Camden Academy, Pine
10 Hill High in Wilcox County, Wilcox Central High, Jacksonville
11 State University, and Concordia College; she served the Coy
12 community through organizations including Coy Five Project,
13 the Coy Volunteer Fire Department, and the Willie Frank Smiley
14 Scholarship Committee, and she served Wilcox County by
15 participating in the Wilcox County Concerned Voter's League
16 and the Wilcox Retired Teacher's Association; her magnanimous
17 efforts included volunteering to transport seniors to church,
18 fundraising for The American Heart Association, the Cancer
19 Relay for Life, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, volunteering
20 to work with students who needed help at Camden School of Arts
21 and Technology, and preparing food for poll workers in her
22 precinct; and

23 WHEREAS, Miss Charley loved and nurtured children
24 and youth and she traveled much throughout her life; her
25 hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting,
26 gardening, creative writing, bird watching, traveling,

1 collecting recipes, baking pies, and shopping; she possessed a
2 positive outlook and lived a full life; and

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
9 Miss Willie Kate Charley, we are grateful for her abundant
10 life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute to her
11 legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to her family and
12 friends.