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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. BETTIE SNIDER HOUSTON.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we mourn  
11 the death of Mrs. Bettie Snider Houston of Anniston, Alabama,  
12 on May 1, 2013, at the age of 85 years; and

13 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of  
14 her loving family and her many friends; and

15 WHEREAS, born on March 24, 1928, in Birmingham, she  
16 was the daughter of Florene and Horace Snider; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Houston was a longtime active member  
18 of Chulafinnee Baptist Church where she served tirelessly in  
19 many roles including founder of the Sunshine and Junior Choirs  
20 and director of the Adult Choir for 40 years; she served on  
21 the Cleburne County Hospital and Nursing Home Boards, the  
22 Mental Health Board, and was the first woman Supervisor of the  
23 Soil Conservation Board; and

24 WHEREAS, she was also a creative and gifted  
25 seamstress, enjoyed working in the garden and canning  
26 vegetables, and was admired as "The Martha Stewart of  
27 Chulfafinee"; and

1           WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was  
2       predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Charles Lewis Houston,  
3       and brother, Paul Snider; and

4           WHEREAS, survivors include her sister, Martha Snider  
5       Rice; brothers, Bill and Phillip Snider; children, Charlie  
6       Houston (Connie), Marie Houston Payne (Ronnie), Julie Houston  
7       Elmer (Ken), and David Houston (Lynn); 10 grandchildren; and  
8       eight great-grandchildren; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Houston was a valued member of the  
10       community, where she sustained a busy telephone ministry and  
11       used her time and considerable talent in many ways to enrich  
12       the lives of others; ; although her presence will be greatly  
13       missed, her memory will be cherished in the hearts of those  
14       who were fortunate to know her; now therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
16       THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Bettie  
17       Snider Houston is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
18       resolution is offered with heartfelt sympathy to her family,  
19       whose grief is shared by many.