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3 By Representative Ford
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ANN MARIE CLEVELAND
9 WILLIAMS.

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11 WHEREAS, we note the death of Mrs. Ann Marie
12 Cleveland Williams, a lifelong resident of Walnut Grove,
13 Alabama, on January 14, 2014, with deep sadness; her
14 immeasurable life of 70 years is commended and celebrated with
15 great thanksgiving; and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Williams leaves a void
17 in the lives of her loving family, many friends, and the
18 entire community, where she was highly regarded; and

19 WHEREAS, born October 14, 1943, she was a 1961
20 graduate of Walnut Grove High School, which later became West
21 End; an avid alumna, she diligently organized school reunions
22 and community activities throughout her life; during her
23 distinguished career, she was employed at a number of poultry
24 plants; she retired from Goodyear in 1999 after 20-plus years
25 of outstanding service as a dedicated and hardworking
26 employee; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was actively involved in her
2 community and contributed her time and talents to civic
3 activities; she organized community fundraising events to
4 support the work of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
5 and held membership with the Etowah County Democratic Party,
6 for which she worked in both local and state elections; after
7 retirement, she became an active member of the Walnut Grove
8 Senior Citizens Program; and

9 WHEREAS, she was an avid fan of Alabama football;
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11 WHEREAS, through the years, Mrs. Williams earned
12 immense respect for her unwavering commitment to excellence
13 and exceptional abilities, and she was a source of admiration
14 for her loving heart, tireless spirit, and quick wit; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted
16 husband of 53 years, Edward (Ned) Williams; daughter, Sheila
17 (Michael) Thompson; grandchildren, who were the loves of her
18 life, Cody Thompson and Saleta Thomspson; sister, Sammye
19 Sansom; brothers, Jerry (Betty) Cleveland and Douglas M.
20 Cleveland; and a host of nieces and nephews; she was preceded
21 in death by her parents, A.B. and Myrtle Cleveland; sisters,
22 Martha Ford and Carolyn Landers; brother, Arnold Cleveland,
23 Jr.; and her beloved niece, Diane Franklin; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was a valued member of the
25 community; although her presence is greatly missed, her memory
26 is cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were
27 fortunate enough to know her; "I have fought the good fight; I

1 have finished the race; I have kept the faith;" (2 Timothy
2 4:7); now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That while grieving the death of
5 Mrs. Ann Marie Cleveland Williams, we are extremely grateful
6 for her abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest
7 tribute to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt
8 sympathy to her family and friends.