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4 Blackwell, Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison,
5 Dunn, Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw,
6 Livingston, Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Orr, Pittman, Reed,
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
9 NETTYE KATHRYN RICE TURNHAM.

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11 WHEREAS, we deeply regret and are greatly saddened
12 to learn of the death of Nettye Kathryn "Kay" Rice Turnham on
13 April 21, 2016, at 92 years of age, and we uplift her
14 inspiring legacy with utmost reverence and respect; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham was born January 25, 1924, to
19 the union of Ernest and Ruth Rice of Birmingham, Alabama; she
20 attended Phillips High School in Birmingham and majored in
21 Laboratory Technology at Auburn University; she entered her
22 first job at St. Margaret's Hospital Laboratory in Montgomery,
23 Alabama, and worked at Physician's Medical Laboratory Service
24 in Sarasota, Florida, during World War II; later, she was
25 employed with several research labs at Auburn; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham taught Kindergarten Sunday
27 School classes at Auburn First Baptist Church for 10 years;

1 she answered the Lord's call upon her life to teach young
2 children full-time and earned a Master's Degree from what is
3 now Auburn University's School of Human Sciences; Mrs. Turnham
4 built one of Auburn's first pre-schools, Happy House School;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, at age 57, she earned another Master's
7 Degree from the Auburn University School of Education; she
8 taught as an aide at Dean Road School and then was employed
9 full-time with Beauregard School for eight years; she retired
10 after 26 years of serving as an educator; and

11 WHEREAS, in retirement, she served on the Literacy
12 Board and helped many adults and children learn to read; she
13 served with numerous organizations and was loved and admired
14 by many; and

15 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved and devoted
16 husband of 73 years, our friend and colleague, former
17 Representative Pete Turnham; four children, Diane Turnham
18 McCrary (Bill), Tim Turnham (Tina), Ruthmary Turnham, and Joe
19 Turnham (Paula); six grandchildren, Audrey Murdaugh (Bob),
20 Lindsey Davis (Jared), Blake Turnham, Timothy Turnham, Abby
21 Turnham, and Pete Matthew Turnham; five great-grandchildren,
22 Austin Murdaugh, Sarah Kathryn Murdaugh, Noah Murdaugh, April
23 Murdaugh, and Lauren Davis; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Turnham 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; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while grieving the death of
3 Nettye Kathryn Rice Turnham, we are extremely grateful for her
4 abundant life, and we offer this resolution in highest tribute
5 to her inspiring legacy, as well as in heartfelt sympathy to
6 her family and friends.