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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF ELAINE ROBERTS.

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10 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
11 death on February 6, 2016, of Elaine Roberts, at the tender  
12 age of 16 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Elaine was a child full of joy who was able  
14 to partake of numerous experiences and activities during her  
15 brief life, including the study of piano for a period of 11  
16 years, yielding the opportunity to participate in music  
17 festivals put on by the Pelham School of Fine Arts, earning  
18 her superior evaluation ratings during each year of her  
19 participation; and

20 WHEREAS, she cheered for youth cheerleading programs  
21 in both Helena and Alabaster, Alabama, for six years; and

22 WHEREAS, she was an active member of the Pelham YMCA  
23 Swim Team for a period of four years, in which her favorite  
24 pool to swim was the Olympic-size pool located in the James E.  
25 Martin Aquatics Center at Auburn University and her favorite  
26 swimming form was the breast stroke; and

1           WHEREAS, Elaine joined Alabaster Girl Scout Troop  
2 993 during elementary school, partaking of all that the  
3 organization had to offer, including camping, canoeing,  
4 horseback riding, selling the organization's world famous  
5 cookies, and visiting numerous sites and locations while  
6 affiliated with the group, most notably Savannah, Georgia, the  
7 place where the Girl Scouts of America was founded; and

8           WHEREAS, she was a lover of animals and would  
9 provide refuge to as many animals as she was allowed to have,  
10 and during her life owned a fish, hermit crabs, guinea pigs,  
11 hamsters, cats, and dogs, and leaves behind one goldfish,  
12 Flipper, that she won at the Shelby County Fair eight years  
13 prior to her untimely death, as well as her three beloved dogs  
14 Pretzell, Teddy, and Lucy; and

15           WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014, Elaine was preparing  
16 for the 2015 tennis season at Thompson High School, when she  
17 was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of  
18 cancer; and

19           WHEREAS, she departed this life after a brief, but  
20 courageous, fight against cancer, just 10 months after being  
21 diagnosed; and

22           WHEREAS, Elaine was baptized as an infant at the  
23 Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama, and  
24 accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at Mountaintop Community  
25 Church; and

26           WHEREAS, 15 other individuals accepted Jesus Christ  
27 as their Savior while attending her funeral; and

1           WHEREAS, memories of Elaine carry with them the  
2           desire continue the search for cancer's cure, including  
3           finding a cure for Alveolar Rhamdomyosarcoma and other cancers  
4           that primarily attack children; and

5           WHEREAS, the Elaine Roberts Foundation was  
6           established for the purpose of educating people about  
7           childhood cancer and to raise funds for cancer cure research;  
8           and

9           WHEREAS, the passing of Elaine leaves a void in the  
10          lives of her loving family, many friends, and a community  
11          where she is highly regarded; her presence is sorely missed,  
12          but her memory will be forever cherished in the hearts of all  
13          who knew and loved her; now therefore,

14          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15          THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Elaine Roberts,  
16          is recorded with heartfelt sadness, and this resolution is  
17          offered in highest tribute to her life, along with the  
18          sincerest form of sympathy to her grieving family.