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3 By Senators Waggoner, Allen, Orr, Albritton, Barfoot, Beasley,
4 Butler, Chambliss, Chesteen, Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Elliott,
5 Figures, Givhan, Gudger, Hatcher, Holley, Jones, Livingston,
6 Marsh, McClendon, Melson, Price, Reed, Roberts,
7 Sanders-Fortier, Scofield, Sessions, Shelnut, Singleton,
8 Smitherman, Stutts, Weaver, Whatley and Williams
9 RFD:
10 First Read: 24-FEB-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR51,

5 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH BERRY BIDDLE.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note
8 the death on February 15, 2022, of Mrs. Elizabeth (Nena) Berry
9 Biddle of Gardendale, Alabama, at the age of 91 years; and

10 WHEREAS, her passing leaves a void in the lives of
11 her loving family, many friends, and the entire community
12 where she was highly regarded; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Biddle graduated from Phillips High
14 School in 1947, and Birmingham Southern College, where she was
15 a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, in 1951; she taught fifth
16 grade at North Birmingham Elementary School before moving to
17 Arthur School; she was a beloved teacher for 30 years, and to
18 this day her former students still reach out with stories and
19 moments remembered from years ago with their favorite teacher,
20 Mrs. Biddle; and

21 WHEREAS, her passion in life was improving mental
22 health services in Alabama; alongside her husband, Senator
23 Jack Biddle, Mrs. Biddle saw many measures passed to help
24 those in need and brought tremendous attention to the matter
25 of mental health; she served on the Board of Directors of the

1 Jefferson Blount St. Clair (JBS) Mental Health Authority for
2 28 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Biddle was appointed by Governor Don
4 Siegleman and later by Governor Bob Riley, to serve on the
5 Board of Trustees for the State of Alabama Department of
6 Mental Health; the Alabama Department of Mental Health honored
7 her tireless work by naming the 1920 Club building located on
8 Birmingham's Southside The Jack and Nena Biddle Building; and

9 WHEREAS, she was a faithful and dedicated member of
10 Gardendale Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, now Hope
11 Community Church; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include her beloved husband, Jack
13 Biddle; children, John Biddle (Janet) and Carolyn Jan Biddle;
14 grandchildren, John Berry Biddle, Jr. (Kristy) and Brook
15 Biddle; great-grandchildren, Jack, Will, Sam and Annaleigh
16 Biddle; sister, Carolyn Bragg; and a host of other relatives
17 and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly
19 missed, the memory of Mrs. Biddle will be cherished in the
20 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Elizaberh
23 Berry Biddle is recorded with deep sadness and this resolution
24 is offered in tribute to her life and with heartfelt sympathy
25 to her family, whose grief is shared by many.

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President and Presiding Officer of
the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representa-
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Senate 24-FEB-22
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint
Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 02-MAR-22

By: Senator Waggoner