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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

MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH BERRY BIDDLE.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, her passion in life was improving mental health services in Alabama; alongside her husband, Senator Jack Biddle, Mrs. Biddle saw many measures passed to help those in need and brought tremendous attention to the matter

1 of mental health; she served on the Board of Directors of the
2 Jefferson Blount St. Clair (JBS) Mental Health Authority for
3 28 years; and

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

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

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

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

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