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HR_____ CELEBRATING FRANCES CATHLEEN DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

WHEREAS, with special pleasure, we offer joyful
felicitations to Frances Cathleen Davis, from the community
of Ada, who is celebrating her milestone 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Frances Cathleen Thomas was born on April
21, 1924, in Somerville, Massachusetts, to Canadian
immigrants Gordon H. Thomas and Gladys Pearl Buchannan; she
matriculated through Somerville High School where she was a
cheerleader and Vice President of her Junior and Senior
class; following her graduation in 1942, she attended House
in the Pines, a junior college for girls located in Norton,
Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized for her poise and finesse
and gained employment as one of the renowned "Hart Girls," a
group of models who worked for department stores and
specialty shops in the Boston and New York areas; following
her modeling career, she became an airline stewardess for
Eastern Airlines and Pan America Airlines, flying from New
York and Miami to Havana, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, she returned home and accepted a
position working at the Massachusetts Institute of
Technology; while there, she met and fell in love with a
young Air Force pilot, 1st Lt. Charles Chilion Davis from



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29 Whittier, California, and they were married on April 2,
30 1948; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout his career, she and her husband
32 were stationed around the world, including Air Force bases
33 in Ayer, Massachusetts; Rome, New York; Whittier,
34 California; Denver, Colorado; Tokyo, Japan; and Musan-Ni,
35 Korea; while in Korea, she earned the respect and thanks of
36 many families when she taught the sub-teen ballroom dancing
37 class; in return for teaching them to waltz and foxtrot, the
38 students taught her to rock and roll; she also served her
39 Air Force community as an assistant kindergarten teacher and
40 Sunday School teacher; and

41 WHEREAS, in 1958, Frances' husband, Charles, was
42 transferred to Montgomery, Alabama, and the family moved to
43 a 200-acre ranch called Seven Cedars in the community of
44 Ada; and

45 WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Frances operated a
46 beauty shop called Polly's Beauty Parlor in downtown
47 Montgomery; however, in 1963, Charles was stationed in
48 Turkey, leaving Frances to manage the household, which now
49 included seven children; Charles retired from the Air Force
50 in July 1968; and

51 WHEREAS, ever the entrepreneur and always looking for
52 the next challenge, Frances sold Revlon cosmetics at the
53 commissaries around Montgomery; was a licensed beautician
54 who worked in the beauty salon for Loveman's Department
55 Store; sold Amway and Old World products at Montgomery Fair;
56 was a licensed real estate broker working for Register Real



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57 Estate Company and later owned her own company; and
58 participated in many other business endeavors throughout the
59 years; and

60 WHEREAS, Frances Davis was baptized in 1985 at Sampey
61 Memorial Baptist Church in Ramer; devoted to her church
62 family, she has served as church clerk, taught Sunday
63 School, and sung in the choir; she is an inspiration to all
64 who know her for her strength of character and dedication to
65 service; she is known for thinking of other people and
66 aiding them with whatever she can provide; and

67 WHEREAS, Frances Davis has been blessed to live a
68 long, full life; she and her beloved husband, Charles, were
69 happily married for 50 years until his passing in 1998;
70 together they raised seven children, Charles C. Davis III
71 (deceased); Gordon Roy Davis; Nancy Victoria Davis; Erik Lee
72 Davis; William Yancy Davis; and twins, Robert Mathew Davis
73 and Alan Michael Davis; and

74 WHEREAS, a 100th Birthday is a significant milestone
75 that represents a century worth of wisdom earned and
76 memories gained and is a cause for great rejoicing; it is a
77 tremendous privilege to recognize a remarkable woman such as
78 Frances Cathleen Davis on her special day; now therefore,

79 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
80 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That centenarian, Frances Cathleen
81 Davis, is highly honored and commended, and this resolution
82 is offered to her in highest tribute, as well as with
83 sincere best wishes for continued prosperity and blessings.