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3 By Representative Shaw
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4 HR_____ RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SNOWFLAKE HYDRANGEA
5 IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF HOOVER AND THE STATE OF
6 ALABAMA.

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8 WHEREAS, the Snowflake Hydrangea, a unique and
9 elegant cultivar of the native Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea*
10 *quercifolia*), holds a special place in the botanical,
11 cultural, and civic heritage of the City of Hoover and the
12 State of Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, this remarkable flower was discovered and
14 cultivated by noted nurseryman Loren Aldridge and later
15 patented and propagated by his son, Eddie Aldridge, both of
16 whom were pioneers in Alabama horticulture; and

17 WHEREAS, the Snowflake Hydrangea is renowned for its
18 distinctive double blossoms, prolonged blooming season, and
19 lush foliage and has brought worldwide recognition to
20 Alabama's native plant biodiversity; and

21 WHEREAS, Eddie Aldridge dedicated his life to the
22 cultivation, preservation, and public appreciation of the
23 Snowflake Hydrangea, culminating in the establishment of
24 Aldridge Gardens, a public space that showcases this flower
25 as its central symbol and educates generations about native
26 flora and conservation; and

27 WHEREAS, the Snowflake Hydrangea was officially
28 designated as the City Flower of Hoover in 2006,



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29 commemorating its origin in the city and its role as a
30 symbol of beauty, resilience, and community pride; and

31 WHEREAS, Kay Aldridge, wife, partner, and
32 co-visionary with Eddie Aldridge, helped transform their
33 former home into today's Aldridge Gardens and continues to
34 serve as a gracious ambassador for the Gardens and its
35 educational programs; and

36 WHEREAS, the contributions of the Aldridge family and
37 the Snowflake Hydrangea have not only enriched Alabama's
38 horticultural legacy but have also enhanced local tourism,
39 education, and environmental stewardship through Aldridge
40 Gardens and related civic programs; now therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
42 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we do hereby recognize and
43 celebrate the Snowflake Hydrangea as a botanical treasure of
44 the State of Alabama, honor its origins in the City of
45 Hoover, and express our appreciation for the Aldridge
46 family's lasting legacy in advancing the natural beauty and
47 cultural heritage of our state.