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4 HR_____ HONORING CARRIE CLARA HUFFMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER
5 100TH BIRTHDAY.
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7 WHEREAS, it is with great admiration and joyful
8 celebration that we honor the extraordinary life and legacy
9 of Carrie Clara Huffman, a cherished resident of Fairhope,
10 Alabama, on the rarefied occasion of her 100th birthday on
11 April 4, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, she was born Carrie Clara Olmstead on April
13 4, 1925, in Cattaraugus County, New York, to William Addison
14 Olmstead and Nora Bell Foster, and her early life was marked
15 by adversity, resilience, and grace, as she was placed into
16 foster care at the age of five; she was lovingly cared for
17 by her foster parents, William and Lucy Marsh, and remained
18 close throughout her youth to her beloved sister, Alberta;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Huffman left formal schooling in the
21 eighth grade in order to care for her terminally ill mother,
22 a decision that highlights the values of quiet sacrifice and
23 deep familial devotion that she is known to embody by all
24 who know her; and

25 WHEREAS, in July 1941, at the age of 16, she would
26 marry Clair Sherman Huffman, who would serve in World War II
27 and later return home to be with his beloved wife and raise
28 a large and loving family by her side; their union was



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29 blessed with eight children: Virginia, Arlene, Barbara,
30 Harold, Phillip, Terry, Larry, and Betty; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to raising her family and
32 overseeing the family's dairy farm, Ms. Huffman worked for
33 32 years as a press brake operator and tool and die
34 machinist at Tonnard Manufacturing in Corry, Pennsylvania,
35 doing work that required not only physical endurance but
36 steady determination and skill as well; and

37 WHEREAS, she moved to Fairhope in 1998, which she
38 says she is thankful for because it is the greatest
39 community she has had the pleasure to live in; she continues
40 to live with joy tending to her garden, feeding the birds
41 she loves, reading voraciously, and sharing stories and love
42 with all who have the pleasure to know her, including her
43 more than 100 grandchildren and descendants that stretch
44 across six generations and counting; and

45 WHEREAS, Ms. Huffman's life is a shining example of
46 what it means to live not just a long life, but a meaningful
47 one as she is dearly loved by her family, admired by her
48 community, and is here now rightly celebrated by the State
49 of Alabama on her centennial birthday; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama House of
52 Representatives hereby recognizes and honors Carrie Clara
53 Huffman on the occasion of her 100th birthday and joins with
54 her family and friends in extending our deepest appreciation
55 and warmest congratulations on this remarkable milestone.



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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
57 resolution be provided to Ms. Huffman and her family as a
58 lasting expression of high esteem and heartfelt celebration
59 from the Alabama Legislature.

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