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2 RB43TYN-1
3 By Representative Faulkner
4 RFD: Rules
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4 HJR____ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ELLA
5 COBBS COOK.

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7 WHEREAS, it is with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
8 mourn the untimely death, yet celebrate the life, of Ella
9 Cobbs Cook of Birmingham, Alabama, whose passing took place
10 on December 13, 2025, at Brown University in Providence,
11 Rhode Island; and

12 WHEREAS, Ella was born on July 18, 2006, to Anna
13 Bishop Cook and Richard Poellnitz Cook in Birmingham; she
14 was the sister of Richard Hooker Poellnitz Cook and Mary
15 Hamner Cook; and

16 WHEREAS, Ella was a sophomore at Brown when she died,
17 concentrating in French and Mathematics-Economics; before
18 college, she graduated from Mountain Brook High School; Ella
19 was an active, lifelong member of Cathedral Church of the
20 Advent in Birmingham; and

21 WHEREAS, Ella was known for a wide array of
22 interests, including spending time with her precious
23 friends, babysitting many children who were special to her,
24 teaching young people in Bible studies, Sunday school, and
25 academic subjects; she had a love for piano, dance, spending
26 time outdoors in Hale County, and traveling anywhere,
27 especially where French is spoken; and

28 WHEREAS, the quality of Ella's personality and soul

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29 that most touched others was her Christian faith; she
30 genuinely believed in Christ's death and resurrection, and
31 wanted to share the good new of grace she had received; she
32 lived out her faith in her care and concern for others; she
33 loved everyone with her whole heart; and

34 WHEREAS, her quiet demeanor was eclipsed by a heart
35 as large as the sun; she led by putting others before
36 herself; her siblings described her as protective,
37 responsible, and selfless; Ella was adored by her circle of
38 friends from Birmingham to Providence, and her sudden death
39 has inspired immeasurable gratitude from all who knew her;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, left to cherish her memory are her parents;
42 brother and sister; grandparents, Deane Poellnitz Cook,
43 Arthur Philip Cook, Jr., Katherine Stephens Bishop, and
44 William Moss Bishop; uncles and aunts, Arthur Philip Cook
45 III, Morgan Cook, Leigh Bishop, David Taub, Sissy Bishop
46 Austin, and David Austin; beloved family member, Sandra
47 McCollum; and seven special first cousins; now therefore,

48 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
49 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Ella Cobbs Cook
50 is noted with deep sadness, and even as we mourn her death
51 and the loss it represents, we also celebrate her life, and
52 her reflected glory will be with her family and friends
53 forever; we offer this resolution in highest tribute with
54 heartfelt sympathy to her family.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Romans 8:38-39 states,
56 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor

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57 angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,
58 nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other
59 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God,
60 which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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