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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
MOURNING THE DEATH OF CORA IDA GRAY AMESBURY
DONALDSON.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the death on February 11, 1017, of Mrs. Cora Ida "Gray" Amesbury Donaldson of Troy, Alabama, at the age of 95 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. Donaldson was born in Beatrice, Alabama, on April 16, 1921, to William Henry Gray and Lucy Cora Daugette; and

WHEREAS, growing up in Rosinton, Alabama, she attended the Rosinton Methodist Church, where Reverend Sid Mathison was a significant spiritual influence in her life; later she enjoyed hearing his son, Dr. John Ed Mathison, preach at The Church in the Pines on Lake Martin; and

WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of Robertsdale High School, Mrs. Donaldson was the first in her family to receive a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, she moved to Mobile to begin her career at Gayfers Department Store, where she gained

1 a loyal clientele and received numerous awards for her top
2 sales and teamwork; and

3 WHEREAS, in July 1949, she married Thomas Richard
4 Amesbury, a union which produced two daughters, Patsy and
5 Kathy; and

6 WHEREAS, in April 1978, she married Gene Donaldson
7 and together they enjoyed traveling, gardening, and spending
8 time with grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson was preceded in death by her
10 parents, eight siblings, husband, and son-in-law, Kenneth H.
11 Weed, Sr.; and

12 WHEREAS, survivors include daughters, Patricia
13 Amesbury Weed-Hollis (Jerry) and Kathryn Gray Amesbury
14 Campbell (Kenny); grandchildren, Scarlet Weed Stokes (Brent),
15 Kenneth Harper Weed, Jr., (Kim), Stephanie Gray Campbell Baker
16 (Matt), Ellen Weed Estes (Ricky), Troy Thomas Weed (Ashley),
17 Newton Kenneth Campbell, Jr., (Jamie), and Christopher James
18 Campbell (Stephanie); and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA ,BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the death of Mrs. Cora Ida
21 "Gray" Amesbury Donaldson is recorded with deep sadness, and
22 this resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with
23 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by
24 many.

