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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. ALTA FAYE HANKINS  
9 COWLING.

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11 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we note the  
12 death on March 6, 2020, of Alta Faye Hankins Cowling, at the  
13 age of 91 years; her passing has left a void in the lives of  
14 her loving family and friends and the entire community, where  
15 she was highly regarded; and

16 WHEREAS, she was born on November 10, 1928, in  
17 Robertsdale, Alabama, to Alton Bascom Hankins, Sr., and Marie  
18 Walker Hankins; she was a lifelong resident of the Rosinton  
19 Community; she graduated from Robertsdale High School and  
20 attended Judson College in Marion, Alabama; while in high  
21 school, she had many friends, enjoyed being a cheerleader, and  
22 met her soulmate and the love of her life; they married in  
23 1947; they owned a farm in the Rosinton Community where they  
24 planted and grew many crops; she was a dedicated mother and  
25 homemaker; she enjoyed gardening and loved to cook; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cowling was a charter member and  
27 Treasurer of the Rosinton Community Players in the 1950s; in

1 1954, she played the leading role in "The Night of January  
2 Sixteenth" and appeared in many other productions; she was a  
3 substitute teacher for the Baldwin County Board of Education  
4 in the 1950s; she returned to college in the late 1960s to  
5 study real estate; upon receiving her broker's license she  
6 became the owner and broker of Cowling Realty in Robertsdale,  
7 Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, she and her husband hosted the first  
9 American Field Service Exchange Student to Robertsdale High  
10 School who was from Italy; beginning in 1973, Mrs. Cowling was  
11 appointed for 24 years, by the Governors of the State of  
12 Alabama and the Alabama Commissioners of Agriculture and  
13 Industries to the Baldwin County Board of Registrars; eight of  
14 those years, she served as Chair of the Board; while working  
15 at the Baldwin County Courthouse, she made many friends and  
16 enjoyed serving the citizens of Baldwin County; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cowling was a lifelong member of the  
18 United Methodist Church, and served as a Sunday School teacher  
19 and assisted with many of the children's programs in her early  
20 years; in the 1960s and 1970s, she served as a member of the  
21 Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee at the Robertsdale United  
22 Methodist Church and was a founding member of the New Life  
23 Prayer Group; later she served as a member of the  
24 Administrative Board of Rosinton United Methodist Church; and

25 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;  
26 her beloved husband of 63 years, William Bryant Cowling, Sr.;  
27 and her sister, Eunice Hankins Harrison; her survivors include

1 her brother, Alton B. Hankins, Jr., (Melinda); her children,  
2 Kathleen Cowling Shumate and William Bryant Cowling, Jr.,  
3 (Denise); five grandchildren, The Reverend M. C. Mikah Hudson,  
4 Jr., (Missie), Charity Shumate Jones (Jacob), Miranda Cowling  
5 Moore (Troy), Lyndsey Cowling Brown (Jeff), and Brylyn Cowling  
6 Wells (Taylor); 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of other  
7 relatives and many friends; although her presence will be  
8 greatly missed, the memory of her will be cherished in the  
9 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
11 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Alta Faye  
12 Hankins Cowling is recorded with deep sadness and this  
13 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
14 heartfelt sympathy to her family whose grief is shared by  
15 many.