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HR\_\_\_\_\_ MOURNING THE DEATH OF BETTY CAROLYN KEYES  
KELSO-CLOUGH.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we note the death on January 11, 2024, of Mrs. Betty Carolyn Keyes Kelso-Clough; of Somerville, Alabama, at the age of 86 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. Kelso-Clough was born on March 26, 1937, to Charles Judson and Alice Ryan Keyes in Limestone County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Ahrens Trade School in Louisville, Kentucky, she joined the United States Air Force and worked in Finance and Accounting; she was an enrolled agent and prepared taxes for 50 years, while managing an H&R Block in Arlington, Texas; she worked at Rhodes and Associates Tax Service in Decatur, Alabama, and was the owner and founder of Florette Income Tax in Florette, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelso-Clough met her husband, Jim Kelso, at Travis Air Force Base, California; they were later stationed on Okinawa, Japan, where their daughter was born; after Jim's retirement, they moved to Texas; and



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29           WHEREAS, in 1977, Betty and Jim returned to Alabama  
30 and began the Happy Valley Ranch in Somerville, Alabama,  
31 where they raised double polled Santa Gertrudis cattle;  
32 Betty received the President's Award from Santa Gertrudis  
33 Breeders International in 2012 and 2013 and was the first  
34 female recipient of the Morgan County Cattleman of the Year  
35 Award; she also served on the Board of Directors for Morgan  
36 County Alabama Farmers Federation; and

37           WHEREAS, later in life, she and her husband Bill  
38 Clough enjoyed traveling to Europe, Costa Rica, New Zealand,  
39 and the Holy Land as well as many trips in the United States  
40 to include attending Bill's Marine Corp Reunions; she and  
41 Bill participated in the Navajo Mission Life Center, Ojo  
42 Encino, New Mexico; and

43           WHEREAS, Mrs. Kelso-Clough taught Sunday School for  
44 most of her adult life and was a member of Blue Springs  
45 Baptist Church in Somerville, Alabama, where she also sang  
46 in the choir; and

47           WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents;  
48 her brothers, Charles Keyes and David Keyes; and her  
49 husbands, James William Kelso and William Wallace Clough,  
50 Jr.; she is survived by her daughter, Linda Diane Kelso and  
51 her son-in-law, John Kemp; and

52           WHEREAS, although her presence will be greatly  
53 missed, the memory of Mrs. Kelso-Clough will be cherished in  
54 the hearts of all who knew and loved her; now therefore,

55           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
56 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Betty Carolyn



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57 Keyes Kelso-Clough is recorded with deep sadness, and this  
58 resolution is offered in tribute to her life and with  
59 heartfelt sympathy to her family, whose grief is shared by  
60 many.